

Jobs in jeopardy with closure of site after 15 years

# FUNDING CRISIS HITS DAY CENTRE

Report by Jordan Harris

**A DAY centre for vulnerable elderly people is to close this week after bosses revealed it was 'no longer financially viable' to run.**

The Apna Ghar day centre, in Pleck, provides day care services for up to 60 elderly people each month.



Pardeep Kairo

But the centre, which is open to people over 50 in the Walsall borough, will close tomorrow 15 years after opening.

Operators Accord Housing Group made the decision after withdrawing funding due to 'Government pressures'. The group has solely funded the centre after Walsall Council stopped financial support two years ago.

It is not yet known if there will be any job losses. Maxine Espley, executive director of health, social care and support for the Accord Group, said: "It is with great regret that we have to close Apna Ghar Day Centre."

"However, self-funded for the last two years following the withdrawal of Walsall Council funding it has become clear, with new government pressures on housing associations, that the service is no longer financially viable."

## Alternative

"We have met with customers and their families and are working with the council to help find alternative day care provision in the area. We are also working with staff to find alternative roles within the wider Accord Group."

Pardeep Kairo, 34, a college lecturer from Pleck, has started a petition calling on bosses to reconsider the decision or find a way to keep the Apna Ghar day centre open.

So far he has collected nearly 300 signatures in person and online. He said: "The centre provides such a valuable and crucial service to elderly and vulnerable people in Walsall. We are supposed to be dealing with an increasingly elderly population in Walsall and taking away facilities like this is only going to cause damage."

After taking control of the day centre two years ago, Accord Housing group funded a £750,000 revamp of the site, which was transformed with the installation of new central heating and hot water systems, as well as a dining room with internet access.

## HUNDREDS TURN OUT TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN



Standard bearers and veterans take part in the Remembrance Day procession to the cenotaph from Walsall Council House in Lichfield Street

HUNDREDS gathered in Walsall to pay tribute to members of the Armed Forces killed in conflict. Families from across the borough crowded around the cenotaph in Bradford Place as civic dignitaries led the Remembrance Sunday proceedings.

These included a parade and a guard of honour for the mayoral party formed by Walsall Sea Cadets. There were poignant moments too as hymns and the national anthem were sang with pride, the Last Post was played and a two-minute silence observed.

Members of the Mercian Regiment were led by their mascot, Lance Corporal Derby XXIX, a pedigree Swaledale ram.

Mike Bird, the leader of Walsall Council, said: "It was probably the most well-attended event ever. We were very lucky to have the Chief Constable Chris Sims attend as well as

the deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito and of course Walsall MP Valerie Vaz.

"In all my time going to the Remembrance Service this is without a doubt the best attended one I have been to."

Before the main service took place respects were paid to John Henry Carless, with descendants of the hero accompanied by the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Angela Underhill.

Born in Walsall, the Ordinary Seaman was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross "for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty" after battling on despite being mortally wounded. Other services took place in Streetly, Aldridge, Willenhall, Short Heath, Bloxwich, Darlaston, Brownhills, Pelsall and Walsall Wood.

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John Henry Carless's niece Joan Poole

## SERVICES

### Grass cutting set to be less frequent

STREET cleaning and grass cutting across Walsall will be cut back under plans by the borough council to save £375,000.

The proposals, which form part of a plan by the council to cut £25 million from its budget in 2016/17, would involve axing 15 environmental operative roles, which the authority expects to manage through vacant posts. The council wants to reduce the frequency of its summer highway verge grass cutting service. Instead of every fortnight to three weeks, the grass would be cut every three to four weeks.

## LEISURE

### Fitness fanatics try out new equipment

FITNESS fanatics turned out to try the new equipment at Wednesbury Leisure Centre as the £8 million facility opened its doors to the public for the first time.

Members of the public had not been able to use the facilities until this week. The centre's sports hall will be named after Joel Richards, the 19-year-old from Wednesbury, one of the victims of the Tunisian terror attack.

An official ceremony to mark the naming of the hall takes place on December 9.

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## DEVELOPMENT

### Housing on way at primary school site

THE site of a former primary school in Walsall will be developed with almost 50 homes after plans were approved.

The former Clothier Street Primary School, in Harry Perks Street, will make way for 48 homes. The plans submitted by Walsall Housing Group and Galliford Try Partnerships were given the green light by the borough council on Friday. The school site was made vacant in 2007, with the building demolished not long after.

The plans will see 30 two-bedroom homes, 13 three-bedroom homes and five one-bedroom flats built on site, with 72 car parking spaces provided.

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# Restaurant embroiled in parking row



Badshah Palace, Great Barr

MOTORISTS have been blocking roads and parking up in front of residents' driveways near a restaurant in Great Barr, prompting calls for action.

People claim the issue over outside Badshah Palace, on the A34 Walsall Road, is 'escalating out of control'.

Councillors say they are aware of the issues and will look at measures such as painting double yellow lines outside the venue, at the former Clifton Bingo Hall.

Residents living near the Tower Hill site said they have been plagued with parking problems since the hall opened

a year ago. It is claimed visitors often blocking the entrance to the West Midlands Ambulance Service hub and to the Co-op store. They say it is difficult to park near their homes and sometimes they cannot get on to their driveways.

In May motorists had been caught on camera parking across the entrance to Tower Hill ambulance station, blocking in emergency vehicles. Perry Barr ward councillor Jon Hunt said: "There are a lot of issues around managing events at the new Tower Hill venue but key points raised were that fireworks at

the premises are illegal and dangerous and should be reported immediately. It is important residents report and note specific incidents. We are looking to have traffic officers covering the area on a daily basis to put a stop to the issues of parking and traffic congestion."

Mohammed Mamunur Rashid, managing director of Badshah Palace, said they had encountered more problems in the first 12 months of opening than they had anticipated, but were trying to work with residents and the ambulance station to resolve the issues.

# Borough's CAB under threat after cuts mooted

THE future of Walsall's Citizens Advice Bureau is under threat as part of council plans to axe its funding to save more than £450,000.

Walsall Council is planning to set up a charitable trust offering welfare support and advice and cut its funding to the town's Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) altogether over the next two years.

The plans aim to save the authority £487,920 but a report into the council's budget cutting proposals states that if a new trust is not established, residents will have 'substantially reduced' support in future years.

The CAB, which is used by more than 100 people a day, provides welfare benefits advice and helps people with debt, housing, employment and immigration issues. Bosses say the service dealt with more than 50,000 issues from 44,000 people in 2014-2015 and they fear the council's plans could leave thousands of people with nowhere to turn for help.

They have now launched a campaign to try to safeguard its funding from Walsall Council. CAB's chief executive Carl Rice said: "Everyone who supports Citizens Advice should be deeply concerned by the proposal to stop funding Walsall CAB. We want to be there for all who need us, but without core funding from the council, we won't be able to attract additional money."

Savings would be delivered by the removal of grant funding to the CAB over two years and internal staffing savings, with plans to cut 18 posts within the council by 2020.

# Industrial site set for homes

AN industrial site empty for more than five years will be transformed after planning chiefs gave the go-ahead for warehouses to be built at the site.

The development is planned for the old Ductile Wesson site in Moxley where the previous foundry shut in 2009, closing the door on 200 years of history.

British Airways Pension Trustees Ltd is poised to breathe new life into the site after plans were lodged with Walsall Council to build two warehouses, offices, car parking and service yards at the site in Bull Lane.

Darlaston South Councillor Doug James said: "We have heard a great deal of talk about when and, how this famous site was to be brought back into use."

It comes after around 150 people lost their jobs when the foundry shut down.

# Charity auction to be held at church

A CHARITY auction is to be held in Cannock to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The bidding sale is at St Luke's Church hall in the town centre on Monday starting at 1pm. The event will feature a tombola and other stalls.

# Cuts to see council let go of leisure centres

LEISURE centres in Walsall will be taken out of the hands of the borough council in a planned move, bosses say will save the council £500,000.

Walsall Council also says the move to transfer management of the centres to a third party trust would secure the future of two swimming baths in the borough.

The authority says it is not suitable to run the leisure facilities, which bosses want to see supporting themselves at no cost by 2018. The trust, which would be formed for the role, would run Gala Baths, Darlaston Swimming Pool, plus the new centres being built in Bloxwich and Walsall Wood.

A report on the council's cost-cutting budget plans has revealed that income generated from the new leisure centres could subsidise the running of Darlaston Swimming Pool and the Gala Baths, helping to secure their future. The plans would also involve transferring 125 council staff to the new organisation.

## Proposals

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: "You can create an arm's length organisation and you can put leisure facilities into that trust. This is just something we are looking at. There are benefits from a tax point of view. The trust means they don't have to pay business rates."

The report into the budget proposals states the move could save the authority £522,195 in 2017/18.

It said: "As a discretionary service the council has set an aspiration that the leisure centres should operate at no cost to the council by 2018. It is anticipated that the new Bloxwich and Oak Park Active Living Centres will meet this target. It is unlikely Darlaston Swimming Pool and the Gala Baths will be able to do so unless alternative delivery proposals are considered.

"Reducing government grants to local authorities has led the cabinet office to promote alternative service delivery models to generate income to protect services, allowing the facilities to compete and encourage greater commercialism and efficiency."

The new Bloxwich and Oak Park Active Living Centres which are currently being built are due to open next summer.

## Councillors call for road revamp



Councillors Paul and Chris Bott appeal for road improvements including traffic calming measures

THERE were calls this week, to improve part of the Black Country New Road used by thousands of drivers each day in Moxley.

Darlaston South councillors Paul and Chris Bott have raised concerns about the road, saying the carriageway has deteriorated and desperately needs to be resurfaced. They have also called for better road markings, traffic-calming measures and a clean-up of road signs and litter.

It comes after 31-year-old Dean Strong died after his car plunged into Walsall Canal, along a section of the route near Aldi last month. Two passers-by pulled Mr Strong out of the water after his vehicle

ploughed into the canal on October 8. His car had gone around 32ft down an embankment.

Councillor Chris Bott said she has been campaigning for road improvements for more than a year.

She said: "For the last 18 months we have campaigned about the state of this road. We have met with a manager from clean and green on site. All what gets done is cosmetic.

"Road signage is covered by vegetation, anti-glare barriers have been missed for a long period of time on the Holyhead Road. We call on the council to resurface all the Black Country New Road, with better road markings and

better speed restrictions on both side of this road.

"Myself and Paul would like to send our condolences to the family of Dean Strong. This probably wouldn't have prevented this accident but these issues need addressing."

Walsall Council was unavailable for comment.

Assistant coroner Kally Cheema opened his inquest at Smethwick Council House and gave his preliminary cause of death as hypoxic brain injury and submersion in water. A full inquest into the circumstances surrounding Mr Strong's death is due to be held on Monday.

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# Gun deaths total 28 for region over last 10 years

TWENTY-EIGHT people have murdered at the hands of gunmen in the West Midlands in the past 10 years.

The figures were released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Last year, there was not a single gun murder. But just last week a man died after a shooting in Birmingham.

The years 2005 and 2008 were the worst, with six recorded murders in each year. In 2006, 2009 and 2010 there were three, while there were two each in 2011 and 2013 and one each in 2007 and 2012.

The figures come in the wake of a shooting in Birmingham which claimed the life of a man just last week. It took place in Soho Hill, Hockley in the early hours of Friday morning. A 25-year-old man died and a second man has been left in a critical condition in hospital. A 27-year-old man was arrested in Walsall in connection with the shooting and has been bailed with strict conditions pending further investigation.

West Midlands Police said: "Our absolute priority is to keep people safe and reduce the overall harm of gun crime on the communities of the West Midlands.

"We have dedicated units tackling gangs and gun crime. On a daily basis they disrupt criminal networks across the region and step in before disputes have the opportunity to escalate into murders or serious criminality."

"We also work alongside charities and victims of gun crime to de-glamorise gang culture and the use of weapons."

## Social fears on cuts to libraries

CUTS to libraries in Walsall could have long term social effects for the borough, according to a councillor.

Beechdale, Blakenall, New Invention, Pleck, Rushall and South Walsall libraries are to close under cost-cutting plans by Walsall Council.

Funding cuts are also planned for the borough's youth clubs. The council is looking to save £25 million.

But Councillor Tina Jukes, who represents the Birchills Leamore area, said her ward will be particularly affected by the cuts. She said: "I do wonder what is going to happen to the kids who use these facilities if these cuts go ahead. They are the adults of tomorrow and they will be forced to spend their youth walking the streets with nothing to do."

## Forest centre all set to swing

WALSALL Jazz Orchestra will perform at the town's Forest Arts Centre later this month.

The show will take place on November 16 at 8pm. Tickets cost £4 and are available on the door.

# Older mothers crisis for midwives

RECORD numbers of births to older mothers are putting maternity units under pressure – with the NHS short of around 2,600 midwives.

The number of babies born in England and Wales to women in their thirties and forties was up 6,859 in 2014.

And that figure is on the rise in the West Midlands too, raising fears that hospitals that are already under pressure will struggle to cope.

In Sandwell the number rose by four per cent, compared to three per cent in Dudley and Wolverhampton, two per cent in Walsall and three per cent in Staffordshire.

Nationally, births to women in their early thirties (30-34) have been above 200,000 in each year since

2010 – a level not seen since at least the 1930s.

In every year since 2006, more than 110,000 babies have been born to women in their late thirties (35-39). This is a level of births not seen since just after the Second World War, and four times the level of the late 1970s.

For women in their 40s, births have been above 29,000 for four years in a row. These are again numbers not seen since the years after the Second World War.

With 661,496 babies born in England last year, almost 100,000 higher than in 2001, the Royal College of Midwives said the NHS is short of around 2,600 midwives, made worse by the ageing of the midwifery workforce.

The number of midwives in England aged 50 or over has doubled from 4,057 in 2001 to 8,169 in 2014.

Last year is believed to be the first year on record when the NHS employed more than 1,000 midwives in their 60s.

The number aged 65 or over rose from just eight in 2001 to 177 last year, the RCM said.

RCM chief executive, Cathy Warwick, said: "All women deserve the very best care, regardless of the age at which they give birth. Women have every right to give birth later in life, and we support that. But typically, older women will require more care during pregnancy, and that means more midwives are needed."

# Pensioner kicks off over ground's fire nightmare

**WHILE a good school, railway station and park is in the minds of people looking for a new home – a football ground is a place most want to avoid.**

Why? Ask pensioner Mary Galt. She has faced years of smashed windows and players clambering over her fence before, most recently, a 20ft high fire which melted her home's guttering and window frames.

The 76-year-old lives next to Darlaston Town Football Club's old ground and claims to have been subjected to years of misery. Her home, in Rectory Avenue, backs onto the City Ground.

Her latest nightmare came when the ground's main stand went up in flames in a suspected arson attack that left her fearing for her life.

The heat from the blaze damaged the window frames and guttering on the five bedroom semi-detached house she has lived in for 43 years.

According to Mrs Galt, she has never received a penny of compensation or offered any assistance with repairs that have run into thousands of pounds over the years. "It's been an absolute nightmare for years and this latest fire is the worst thing to happen so far," the mother-of-four said. "It takes me a good five minutes to get down the stairs and I was scared for my life when I saw the size of the flames. Parts of the guttering has melted away."

### Foundations

"It's yet more damage that I will have to pay to get repaired," Mrs Galt said that a 'catalogue of disasters' involving the ground have left her with mammoth repair bills. The foundations in the alleyway next to her home have been wrecked by water cascading down from the stand's roof, which used to slope down towards her property. It also destroyed the floor of her shed and toilet.

She said there have been 'numerous occasions' where footballs have smashed through windows, including one incident where a ball went straight through leaded lights and destroyed a picture frame hanging on her landing wall.

"I've never had one shred of help from the council or the football club," Mrs Galt said.

"After the fire last week some workers came around and put up 8ft x 4ft wooden boards on the back of the stand. It looks a right old mess."

Darlaston Town played at the ground until the original club folded in 2013, at which point Walsall Council took over the running of the site. Fans set up a new club, called Darlaston Town (1874), two years ago which plays at Bentley Leisure Pavilion.

No-one from Walsall Council was available to comment.



Mary Galt, from Rectory Avenue, Darlaston, after the fire damage nextdoor at Darlaston Football Ground

## Call for crackdown on rogue landlords

A WALSALL councillor has called on the local authority to get tough on rogue landlords.

Councillor Doug James, who represents Darlaston South, said he is concerned about the shortage of affordable housing in Darlaston and Moxley. He said he fears that 'unscrupulous operators' may be taking advantage of tenants in the area as a result.

"Across the country there are

hundreds of concerns regarding health and safety breaches, financial scams, illegal evictions, overcrowding and harassment from residents in the private rental sector that require stronger action," Mr James said.

"Unscrupulous operators are attracted to take advantage of local people's extreme desperation for housing. Walsall Council is required to enforce Health

& Safety standards in private rented houses. Renters don't always know this and, the council hasn't the resources to cope with the increase in the private sector housing stock.

"It is time to get tough on rogue landlords as complaints soar across Walsall and The Black Country. We need action and, fewer 'trips round the Wrekin' by hard pressed staff."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Taylor Wimpey in sponsorship

WILLENHALL Town Football Club has resigned Taylor Wimpey as one of its pitch sponsors. The housebuilder, currently building high-quality new homes at its Spring Walk development in Willenhall, is one of a consortium of business sponsors for the club.

The £500 donated by Taylor Wimpey will go towards the cost of pitch rental at Willenhall Town's new home in Queen Street, Bilston, being shared with league rivals Bilston Town. Simon Hall, chairman of the club, said: "We're extremely grateful to Taylor Wimpey for their support."

### Hundreds back library protest

A PETITION launched recently in a bid to save New Invention Library from closing has already gathered around 300 signatures.

The library, in Lichfield Road, is one of around half a dozen earmarked to close as part of plans Walsall Council to save £25 million in its 2016/17 budget.

Beechdale, Blakenall, New Invention, Pleck, Rushall and South Walsall libraries are at risk of closure as part of the new raft of planned cuts.

The petitions have been placed in shops in the community.

### Youngsters get games invites

LIBRARIES across Walsall are inviting seven to 11-year-olds to join their new games clubs.

A children's chess club is opening at Streetly Library. It will take place on Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 5pm. All abilities are welcome. A monthly Lego club started on November 7, from 10.30am to 12pm at Brownhills Library.

Aldridge Library will host a Code Club taster session on November 18. It will begin at 4pm.

### Chance to design your own computer games

A NEW coding club will give youngsters in Wolverhampton the chance to design their own computer games, animations and websites.

Volunteers from the University of Wolverhampton will teach children aged nine-to-11 meets how to use Scratch, a programming language devised for youngsters.

The Code Club meet every Monday from 5pm-6pm at Wolverhampton Central Library. Call 01902 552023 for more information.

### Special service at farm

A SERVICE dedicated to lost loved ones will be held at a farm in Wolverhampton next month.

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SUPERSTITIONS for our time. A reader tells me that, just as actors avoid the word "Macbeth" by referring to "The Scottish Play," he and his wife have grown wary of mentioning the name of their local furniture establishment. It is simply "The Swedish Store." I bet that could catch on.

IN some versions of this column on Monday, the cost of the HS2 railway appeared as £60 million. If only. The true cost is £60 billion, or if you prefer, £60,000 million. If you can cope with all the zeros, it's actually £60,000,000,000 or about £1 billion per mile. Confused? I think that is what they want.

HOW insurance works: A friend who always parked his car on his drive is moving to a house with a garage. So he told his insurance company of the change and asked by how much his premium would be reduced, in view of the added security of parking in a garage. The woman at the insurance company explained that there's no reduction but he would be charged a £26 admin fee for notifying them of the change.

SO farewell, Colin Welland, who has died aged 81. I saw him on stage once and it was a memorable performance. It wasn't a play but a political rally. Welland was at Birmingham Town Hall in May 1987 speaking at a pre-election meeting in support of Neil Kinnock and Labour. The former Z-Cars star predicted that this time Labour would win. "The Tories will be so far behind," Welland thundered, "that all they'll see is our big fat arse."



The audience loved it. Welland then introduced Kinnock "honestly and with utter conviction, the next prime minister of Britain." As it happened, Kinnock managed to lose not only the 1987 election but the 1992 one, too. Great oratory is a wonderful thing but if the voters don't trust you, it's just words.

IF it is proved that an Islamist bomb brought down the Russian airliner in Sinai, I would not care to be living in Raqqa this week. The Russians are not known for their kid gloves. In the 1990s Chechnya wars, in response to terrorist bombs, Russia shelled, mortared and carpet-bombed the enemy capital Grozny until it was, as the United Nations put it, "the most destroyed city on earth." Raqqa is the Syrian city which has become the capital of Islamic State and a honeypot for hundreds of brainwashed Muslims from Britain. How long before the nightmare which haunted us during 40 years of the Cold War comes true, and Russian bombs kill British citizens?

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# Quarter earn below living wage

MORE than a quarter of workers in the Black Country and Staffordshire earn below the living wage, new figures show.

The voluntary living wage, as promoted by the Living Wage Foundation campaign group, has increased by 40p per hour to £8.25 per hour.

More than 2,000 accredited employers have agreed to pay it, including Lloyds Banking Group, Barclays,

Unilever and Richer Sounds. The figure is higher than the current national minimum wage of £6.70, and the Government's pending National Living Wage for those aged 25 and over of £7.20 per hour that is due to start next April.

But although the increase means a pay rise for staff working at employers signed up to the living wage, across the Black Country and Staf-

fordshire 167,000 workers earn less than the old rate of £7.55 per hour.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics show that in South Staffordshire almost one in three jobs pay less than the rate. In Sandwell, 36,000 workers pick up less than £7.85 an hour, equating to 29.5 per cent per cent of the total workforce.

Walsall has 25,000 employees earning less than the old rate (28.1

per cent) while in Dudley the same can be said of 28,000 staff (26.6 per cent). In Wolverhampton, a quarter of employees earn less than £7.85 per hour, representing 23,000 jobs.

Ravi Subramanian, Regional Secretary for Unison in the West Midlands, said: "There has been an increase in the number of employers who are paying the living wage and this has to be welcomed."

# Error on names led to ex-MEP funeral blunder

**A SPELLING mistake was among a string of errors that led to the wrong body being cremated of West Midlands MEP Philip Bradbourn at Bushbury Crematorium, a report reveals.**

The 63-year-old died on December 20 last year at Good Hope Hospital in Sutton Coldfield following a battle with cancer. His funeral took place at in January. However, the man who was cremated was Philip Bradburn, who had died at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital on December 24.

**By Peter Madeley**

Staff at Good Hope's mortuary repeatedly failed to carry out accurate identity checks on the two bodies, the Heart of England NHS Trust said in the new report, with written records either not completed, incomplete or inaccurately doctored, leading to confusion. Bosses at the trust have apologised for the gaffe, which they have attributed to a 'complex and multifactorial' set of circumstances.

## Failings

The report revealed a series of failings on the part of two funeral directors and Good Hope. It says that as Good Hope's mortuary was nearing capacity, staff requested four bodies – including Mr Bradbourn's – to be moved to Central England Co-operative Funeralcare in Lichfield.

The names of those to be moved were given over the phone but not followed up with an email listing personal details, the report said. The funeral home collected Mr Bradbourn's body but sent it back to Good Hope four days later after his family requested to change to a cremation. On the same day, Mr Bradburn's body – which had been wrongly identified as Mr Bradbourn's – was sent back to

the hospital over concerns it had been at the funeral directors for too long.

When it got to Good Hope from the funeral directors, the name 'Bradburn' had been scrawled onto the accompanying paperwork, over-writing Mr Bradburn's name. On examining the paperwork, two doctors signed off the cremation for Mr Bradburn – but the body of Mr Bradburn was released. Dr Andrew Catto, of Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, said a 'rare and complex set of circumstances' had led up to the blunder. He said: "We are very sorry that this incredibly distressing situation has happened."

A spokesman for Central England Co-operative said: "Our priority has been to work closely with all concerned so that we can learn from this unfortunate incident."

A second funeral for Mr Bradburn took place at Wolverhampton's St Peter's Collegiate Church, in February. Mr Bradburn was born and raised in Tipton and was a parliamentary candidate for Wolverhampton South East in the 1992 election.

## Full Monty set for stage

THE Full Monty will be performed in Darlaston in aid of Cancer Research and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The night of entertainment will take place on November 14 and will also include a tribute act, two comedians and a drag artist. The night will end on a

performance of The Full Monty. The show is at Darlaston All Active on Willenhall Road. Tickets cost £10 in advance and £15 on the door. Performances will begin at 7pm. To book, call 0121 568 6144 or 07970500561, or visit the Charity Full Monty & Variety Night on Facebook.

## Tree to remember Stephen



Organisers Sharon Whitchurch and Joanne Jarvis with some of the yellow bows

A CHRISTMAS tree will be put up in memory of Stephen Sutton again this year – with yellow bows to decorate the tree already on sale.

Our Tree for Stephen was launched last year in memory of Stephen, who helped to raise more than £3 million for charity before he died in May last year.

The Christmas tree, on Sankey's Corner, was covered with hundreds of yellow bows, helping to raise more than £1200 for Teenage Cancer Trust. Organisers behind the event have planned an official switch on event for November 28.

Organiser Joanne Jarvis, of Sister Dora Avenue said: "Last year's event was so wonderful, seeing the smiles on everyone's faces who saw the tree. Hopefully we will beat last year's amount raised."

The yellow bows are individually made and supporters can leave a message on the bows, costing £1, £3 and £5.

They can be purchased from Burntwood Town Council office, Boney Hay Primary School and Paul Carr estate agents in the town. The Christmas lights will be switched on, on November 28 at 6.30pm, outside Burntwood Library.

## Councillor's backing on depots bid

THE decision to allow warehouses to be built on an industrial site which has stood empty for more than five years has been praised by a councillor.

British Airways Pension Trustees is poised to breathe life into the old Ductile Wesson site in Moxley after plans were lodged with Walsall Council to build two warehouses, offices, car parking and service yards at the site in Bull Lane.

The plans were given the nod by Walsall council's planning committee during a meeting last week.

Councillor Paul Bott, who represents Darlaston South, said he welcomed the plans and has asked for a piece of public art to be put on the new site to mark its history. He said: "I think this was a great decision for a number of reasons. It will breathe new life into a site with a lot of industrial history and also put an end to anti-social behaviour which has plagued the site for a number of years."

"I have asked planning officers to get in touch with developers and look at the possibility of creating a piece of public art to be put on the site in honour of its history. Hopefully this will create jobs too, so it is great news for the area."

Around 150 people lost their jobs when the foundry shut down more than five years ago.

## Festive lights switch-on will see roads shut

WOLVERHAMPTON city centre road closures have been announced for this year's Christmas lights switch on, which is being carried out by the Chuckle Brothers. The event runs from 5-9pm in Queen Square on November 25.

Darlington Street will be closed from the junction of Red Lion Street to North Street, while Queen Square and Lichfield Street is shut from the junction of North Street to Princess Street. From midday until 9pm Dudley Street will close at the junction of King Street and Woolpack Street.

From 6.15-6.45pm there will be further closures due to a fireworks display. Darlington Street will shut from the junction of Waterloo Road to Victoria Street, with School Street closed from the junction of Salop Street to Darlington Street. Meanwhile, Skinner Street will close from the junction of Victoria Street to School Street, and Victoria Street will close from Cleveland Street to Queen Square.

All bus stops on Lichfield Street will be suspended.

## Police to security mark bikes for free in city

WOLVERHAMPTON Police will be marking bikes for free as a security measure on November 25 in Dudley Street.

Between 12.30pm and 7pm, people can have their cycle marked and registered with Bike Register.

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## Pets company forms alliance

A PET accessories company in Walsall has formed a five year partnership with Birmingham Dogs Home.

Over the next five years, Ancol and Birmingham Dogs Home will work together on a series of campaigns, competitions and events to help raise awareness and funding for the home.

To mark the partnership, the firm in Bloxwich is donating £25,000 to Birmingham Dogs Home to go towards the costs of looking after stray and abandoned dogs at their new £6 million centre near Solihull, which opened last month.

## Hard workers are wanted for show

TELEVISION producers are on the hunt to find the hardest workers in Walsall for a new BBC Two documentary.

BBC presenter Nick Robinson will be coming to the borough over the coming months and asking the question – do we work hard enough in Britain?

The programme makers are interested in talking to anyone who works round the clock or has more than one job.

Call 02036 140033 or email bb-cworkfilm@gmail.com.

## Cutting down on collections

GARDEN waste collections will shortly be shutting down for the winter season in Walsall.

The last scheduled collection before the winter break begins will take place in the two weeks up until November 20.

They will then restart in April.

All the information about collections can be found at <http://walsallbins.co.uk/> where residents can use the postcode checker to access details of their next collection.

## Baggies fans among loudest in the Premier

BAGGIES fans have been ranked joint second loudest in the Premier League.

They share the second place with Stoke City and Spurs in terms of decibels recorded by fans.

Manchester United topped the league, which was put together by Netbet.

John Homer Chairman of the Albion Supporter Club said: "Helping bring more passion and enthusiasm to the stadium from a fan point of view is very positive for the game."

## Composer on tour

OSCAR-WINNING film composer, Hans Zimmer will be bringing his first tour to Birmingham in one of only two UK shows.

The tour comes to the Barclaycard Arena on April 12 2016. Tickets are on sale at £39.20 - £72.20. Book online at [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com).

# Borough's GCSE results among the UK's worst

SECONDARY schools in Sandwell are among the worst performing in the country when it comes to pupils gaining decent GCSE results, figures have shown.

Provisional figures from the Department for Education (DfE) put Sandwell in 145th place out of 152 local authorities for pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A\*-C including English and maths, with only 46.1 per cent of youngsters achieving the benchmark in the 2015 exams.

Despite an improvement on last year's results Wolverhampton came 137th in the country, with 48.6 per cent of pupils gaining the required grades, up 2.2 per cent from last year.

The national average is 52.8 per cent. The two areas are among the 20 lowest performing local authorities in the country that Education Secretary Nicky Morgan has vowed to target.

Sandwell Council has described the results as 'worrying', while education bosses in Wolverhampton vowed to continue to work closely with schools. Dudley saw 52.4 per cent of pupils achieving the benchmark, down from 53.3 per cent last year, while in Walsall the figure was up 1.5 per cent to 50.2 per cent.

In Staffordshire 55.3 per cent of youngsters gained five or more GCSEs at A\*-C, up from 54.9 per cent in 2014.

The results are usually released in January but have been issued three months early this year with the aim of giving parents up-to-date information before submitting application forms for secondary school places.

## Challenges for Acorns charity

A CHARITY for children with life threatening illnesses is facing a 'potent cocktail of challenges' as it tries to raise £9 million, according to its chief executive.

Acorns Children's Hospice, which provides palliative care and support to children with life threatening illnesses and their families across the West Midlands, aimed to increase the number of children it cares for by 50 per cent by 2018.

However that has had to be put back until 2020 now.

Acorns chief executive David Strudley has called on all corners of the community and the Government to help the charity carry on.

To support the charity go to [www.acorns.org.uk](http://www.acorns.org.uk) or call 01564 825000.

## Decorations bid with workshop

A CHRISTMAS house decorations workshop for adults will be held at Walsall Leather Museum on November 28. It takes between 10.30am and 3.30pm and tickets, costing £22.50, are available on 01922 652288.

# Village clock shows its poppy appeal



Councillor Garry Perry views the display

MORE than 1,500 individually knitted poppies have added a splash of vibrant red to the memorial clock in Pelsall. The stunning display was organised by Councillor Garry Perry as part of the village's Remembrance Day events.

The idea to decorate the landmark with the woolen flowers was only conjured up in September when around 40 keen knitters got straight to work, with many creating more than 100 poppies each.

Councillor Perry said he was overwhelmed to see his vision come alive.

"I honestly didn't know how big this would turn out to be," he said. "It has captured the imagination of people of all ages and it really is amazing. It is quite emotional to see it finished."

He added: "We wanted to do something positive and imaginative so we got to work with individuals and community groups and even held a big knit event for everyone to get together. The knit-a-poppy appeal has really gathered momentum and we were inundated."

Councillor Perry said the best part of the community project was listen-

ing to the stories behind the people who took part.

He said: "Some of the memories of those knitting were just incredible, especially to hear their personal stories about family members who fought and why they felt it so important to get involved."

The poppies which cover the clock, are made in various sizes and designs and the display took around three hours to finish. Councillor Perry said: "We chose the clock as it is a key feature of the village and we wanted to make a really visual display."

# Flooding alerts scheme is set up for hotspots

A MAJOR scheme to install cameras to warn residents at flooding hotspots near homes has been extended to benefit householders in Darlaston and Willenhall.

Campaigners living in Halesowen were among those to suffer problems after Illey Brook flooded seven years ago.

CCTV cameras and hi-tech sensors were positioned at Illey Brook by the Environment Agency last year to monitor water levels and alert residents at risk of flooding through an automated phone call.

People can follow the camera observations on Twitter by viewing photos and alerts. Now, there are cameras at seven sites throughout the West Midlands, including in Willenhall and Darlaston.

The hi-tech flood warning cameras have now been installed to monitor Darlaston Brook, in Darlaston, and Tame Tunnel in the West Acre area of Willenhall. Alert systems are also in place for Dawley Brook, in Kingswinford, and Mousesweet Brook at Mushroom Green, near Netherton.

### Alerted

The camera system, which is entirely solar powered, will monitor seven watercourses across the county to help make sure that local residents are alerted if their properties are at risk of flooding.

Residents who sign up to the Environment Agency's flood warning service will receive an automated call, and those who follow the camera via twitter will receive alerts and photos when the water levels rise significantly.

Darlaston South Councillor Paul Bott has welcomed the scheme.

He said: "Anything that helps to prevent flooding has to be a good thing. People who have had their homes flooded in the past sometimes have trouble getting insurance on their properties again."

Environment Agency project manager Jamie Sarginson said there was a history of severe flooding in places such as Illey Brook when 46 properties flooded in 2008.

He added: "Since then the Environment Agency has been working closely with partners and communities to investigate ways to make them more flood resilient – and this new camera goes a long way to achieving that goal. The cameras have a high water sensor which will enable us to alert residents as river levels rise."

## New look for academy launches



Head teacher Michelle Slymn and Archdeacon of Walsall the venerable Sue Weller with the uniforms

FROM all-out navy to purple and white – a school in Bloxwich has marked turning into an academy by unveiling a new uniform for its pupils.

Bloxwich C of E Primary School, in High Street, became All Saints National Academy on September 1.

A new purple uniform, which includes a purple and white striped tie, was unveiled to pupils and parents during a service

at All Saints Church, in Bloxwich.

Year six pupil Amber Smith, aged 10, has designed a new logo, consisting of three crosses, a dove and a sun, which will be put onto the uniforms.

Headteacher Michelle Slymn, who has been in post since the school became an academy, said:

"The old uniforms are navy and the children have chosen the new purple scheme. It went to school council and they asked the chil-

dren to vote. We also now have a new logo which has been designed by one of our year six pupils.

"It has crosses, a dove, which signifies peace and the Holy Spirit and a sun on the right hand side."

She said the school now wanted to find a graphics company which could work with the pupils to bring the logo design into production. Mrs Slymn said: "It's been a very positive experience being an academy."

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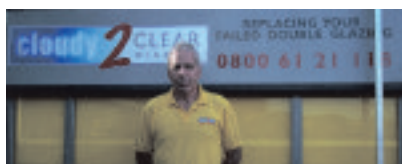
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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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Public free to ask how our money gets spent

PEOPLE who know me will tell you I am seldom lost for words. But even I am struggling to comprehend the thinking of our public servants when it comes the Freedom of Information Act.

Take, for example, Keith Ireland, the managing director of Wolverhampton Council. He says the questions people are asking under the Act are not what it was originally intended for, and come mainly from people looking to 'make trouble' for the council.

Sorry about that old boy. And I think I know the type of questions he means. Like "how much money do councils spend on consultants and agency staff when reducing library hours?" Or "How many times do they use anti-terror legislation to snoop on people suspected of not picking up dog poo?"

Of course the great and the good don't want us pesky troublemakers asking questions like that. Much better we stick to nice questions, such as "why are you so jolly good at everything?," and "can we have a few more parking restrictions, please?"

Problem is, these are not the burning questions on everybody's lips, and that's not quite how democracy works. The idea is the public asks whatever questions it wants to about how our money is spent, and the public servants duly oblige. It's why they are called public servants.

And here's a good question, which nobody seems to have asked yet.

"Why did it take an Act of Parliament to make councils answer simple questions from the people they are paid to serve?" No rush, an answer within 20 working days will be fine.

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NOW I'll square up with you. When the World Health Organisation last week branded processed meats 'carcinogenic', and said fresh red meat 'probably caused cancer', I was worried.

I really wished I liked lettuce, salad, and the occasional oily fish, but the fact is I really can't bring myself to eat the stuff. To me, a meal is not a meal unless it has at least some beef, pork or lamb with it.

And I'm pretty partial to pork scratchings as well. Yet, according to the bof-fins, eating this sort of thing daily leads to an 18 per cent increase in the chances of getting cancer. Which makes my diet sound about as healthy as driving a Volkswagen.

I've since read that the risk is not quite as great as it sounds. A squeaky clean lettuce muncher typically has a six per cent chance of developing bowel cancer, while a red-blooded carnivore will probably have a seven per cent likelihood.

It probably is wise for us all to keep an eye on our meat consumption, and it surely is a good idea to discourage children from picking up bad habits. Even so, I don't think I will panic just yet.



Lara Mason, from Brownhills, adds finishing touches to the cake



The amazing detail of the little royal feet on the cake



Rose Macefield with her dinosaur cakes for the NEC event

Show time is royal icing on the cake

LISA O'BRIEN looks at the amazing world of cake sculpture which has seen many local talents on show at the NEC

AMAZING lifelike cake creations inspired by the Rocky Horror Show, Jurassic Park and a royal toddler have been sculpted by star bakers across the West Midlands.

The life-sized replica of two-year-old Prince George is the latest cake creation of amateur baker extraordinaire Lara Mason, from Brownhills.

Her new creation has been exhibited at Cake International in Birmingham and the 29-year-old was due to find out if she had been awarded a top prize.

Her 90cm tall creation, which was entered into the large decorative exhibit category, was the result of 30 hours of hard work over the space of a fortnight. It contains Madeira cake, icing and chocolate and is able to stand tall with an inner structure of wood and rods.

Determined

She has already won silver and gold prizes at previous shows for her life-like models of Tyrion, a character in the hit TV series Game of Thrones, Katniss, from the blockbuster film The Hunger Games and Captain Jack Sparrow, from Pirates of the Caribbean.

But Mrs Mason, who makes her creations from her home in Hussey Road, was determined to top her efforts this year.

She said: "I had to top my life-size Jack Sparrow and Jennifer Lawrence cakes from the last two years.

"The judges last year said they wanted to see something a bit smaller so I thought what could I do. Prince George is instantly recognisable and he's very cute, so that helped.

"He's got an inner structure of rods and wood. He's covered in cling film, Madeira cake, icing and chocolate. I never expect a prize. I like doing something that surprises people so if I get a prize, it's an extra bonus."



Edna & Ethel's Cake House in Lye - right, Juliet Schofield of Wolverley and Sarah Russell

Meanwhile, a giant dinosaur cake has also been baked by Rose Macefield, who runs Rose Marie's Cakes & Sugarcraft shop in Coseley, to exhibit at the same NEC event.

Ms Macefield, of Bilston, baked the T-Rex cake based on hit film Jurassic Park.

As well as exhibiting, she was also judging competitors cakes over the weekend.

She said: "I started making cakes about eight years ago now. I wanted to make a cake for my son's christening and after that people started asking for cakes and I got hooked on it. I went to college and then starting entering into competitions. I don't compete anymore but I am a judge. I just love sculpting."

Asked about the t-rex cake, Ms Macefield added: "It's taken probably about three hundred hours over about four months to make. The planning and preparation was a mammoth task in itself.

"It's all well and good having an idea but you need to make it work. Obviously I won't get a prize for it but I am hoping that people be impressed with my work as I did it to show people what I could do with sculpting. I'm not sure what will happen with it after the show. I would want to get more out of it but I am not having it in my garage. I am hoping someone will take it on to display it."

As well as judging and exhibiting, Ms Macefield was also taking pre-orders for her book - Sensational Sculpting Cakes.

She said: "The book is great for up and coming cake makers. It teaches people how to sculpt cakes and also gives them the confidence they will need to do it."

"There are nine cakes in the book and it shows people step by step in great detail how to recreate these cakes."

Juliet Schofield from Edna and Ethel's Cake



A full view of the amazing Prince George cake

House in Lye has invented an epic Rocky Horror-themed creation.

She said the event had given cake makers a chance to show off their skills and was 'fantastic'.

She added: "It's been brilliant, the whole set-up is great. Everybody has done a fantastic job. It's been nice to hear everybody walking past saying 'wow!'"

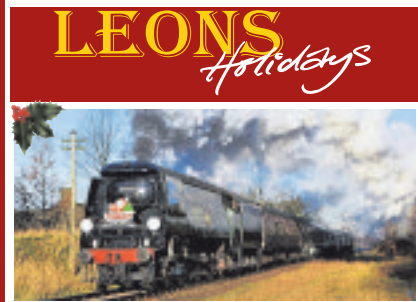
Mrs Schofield, 51, runs the shop in Lye High Street with her friend Sarah Hill.

Her cake was based on Rocky Horror characters Brad and Janet while Sarah designed a Frank n Furter-themed bodice.

"I'm a fan of Rocky Horror."

"The cakes are more like works of art - they take weeks of art to complete."

"I think people might not realise how many hours of work go into these - you've got to love it, and it's got to be your passion."



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# Upset over sorry state of town

I WAS born in Walsall, and have lived in the borough all of my life except for a few years while working in London.

The town has a great history, having been one of the first to gain county borough status.

For much of the last week I have felt increasingly depressed as one dismal story follows another. I might be tempted to slash my wrists – except that the latest story tells me that the cash-strapped council is to raise funeral fees! We start with the predictable collapse of two much-vaunted projects.

The Vue cinema is a goner. OK, cinema habits have changed since the days when there were two cinemas within three minutes' walk of the abandoned site – the posh Savoy and the fleapit Classic.

Disappointing, but probably a sound commercial decision. Then the council announces that it is withdrawing support for the 'Five Ws' metro line.

This comes after years in which bridges over the trackbed had been maintained, and a new bridge had even been built to accommodate the proposed line at the former power station site. Instead, the council has the bright idea of reviving railway passenger services with stations at 'Darlaston' – actually industrial wasteland at James Bridge – and Willenhall. Any ideas about passenger numbers and service frequency necessary to make such a service viable? The only sensible light rail route between Walsall and Wolverhampton would closely follow the old trolleybus route (modern bus 529). My home town can't claim to be

a great 'city of culture'. In a town including the constituency with the second-lowest proportion of graduates in the country, the council wants to cut the hours of the art gallery and close several libraries.

I became an enthusiastic reader 60 years ago in the kids' section of Bloxwich library. Now our philistine council wants to cut access to great art and to close libraries – especially in parts of the town in which homes are unlikely to be filled with books.

This town needs a council with vision.

Oh, well, time to go out. I'll just have to be careful not to break my ankle in one of the potholes Walsall can't afford to repair.

AT HARRISON  
Walsall

## Don't trash youngsters' aspirations

ONE of the many absurdities contained in Walsall Council's budget 2016/17 consultation proposals is the consideration of a severe cut in Targeted Youth Services. An important element of the proposal rides on the calculations, by a 'formula', to redistribute Targeted Youth funds apparently to make the system fairer, more even across the council wards.  $E=mc^2$ ?

Formulas for youth work, you couldn't make it up or, yes you could in Walsall. Another of Einstein's theories of unworkability, a science in Walsall. This is more bleak news for young people; it is an attack on young people, an act of vandalism on the future of our borough. Darlaston cannot afford to lose £42,100 from a meagre youth budget.

This trashing of the futures and aspirations of young people is wrong. It won't make headlines, but damage will still be done.

CLLR D JAMES  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Clearing up myths over fox hunting

AS the traditional fox hunting season gets under way, it's time to clear up a few myths about foxes and fox hunting.

It's been 10 years since hunting with dogs for sport was banned. It's a popular law among country dwellers and townfolk alike, with eight out of 10 people keen for it to remain in place. It's also very successful, with the highest number and percentage of convictions of any wildlife animal welfare law in the UK and even better, has successfully reduced animal cruelty.

Yet still hunt supporters will cry foul play and claim fox hunting is necessary for wildlife management. But a world expert on foxes reveals that hunting is an unnecessary activity as foxes are not the pests that hunts like to claim.

A new report from Professor Stephen Harris from the University of Bristol shows that hunting does not reduce fox populations and killing foxes can in fact increase their numbers in a given area as more turn to up to compete for the vacant territory. He also shows that fox predation does not have a significant impact on farmers. In fact, farmers can benefit because of the number of rabbits taken by foxes.

TOM QUINN  
Campaigns Director  
League Against Cruel Sports

## Bullfight subsidy under fire

I THINK most people would be shocked to learn that their taxes have been used to subsidise bullfighting, all due to a peculiarity of the EU's Common Agriculture Policy. Together with fellow Conservative MEPs, I voted to end this state of affairs.

As part of vote on the EU's budget for 2016, we backed a successful amendment to stop the subsidy.

We aim to end this sickening use of taxpayer money once and for all. Torturing animals for sport is barbaric. Yet it has been supported for years by EU funding through CAP grants.

Compassionate people will be dismayed to think that their cash has been diverted to prop up this outdated practice. Some in Southern Europe still defend bullfighting and resist its abolition. We may not be able to ban bullfighting but we can stop it benefiting from the misdirection of our money.

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## Butcher's raising steaks as shops move



Outside Coopers Family Butchers, Jon Cooper, from Coven, Stan Cooper, aged 82, from Rugeley, Rob Cooper from Cheslyn Hay and Michelle Cooper, also from Rugeley

TWO long-running Darlaston family firms are bucking the trend and moving to bigger premises. Coopers Family Butchers, which has been in Walsall Road for more than 40 years, and nostalgia shop Mindful Gifts, on King Street, will both be relocating.

The butchers will move to King Street, while the retro shop will relocate to Church Street.

Coopers Family Butchers was set up by Stan Cooper more than 60 years ago, with the shop in Walsall Road opening in the 1970s. The business is now run by Stan's children, Rob, Jon and Michelle. The new store was made possible with the help of the council's regeneration officer, Diane Mansell.

Rob, who has been chair of the Darlaston Town Centre Partnership for the past two years, has worked with Diane before in regenerating the town and both were instrumental in reintroducing the market last month.

Rob, aged 57, said: "It is with great sorrow leaving and closing our shop in Walsall Road after 41 years. The three of us have many memories and there's been over 100 years of retailing on this site. But we're now looking forward to seeing old and new customers in our newer site whilst maintaining our tradition and quality." Mindful Gifts, which sells retro toys and traditional sweets, opened last year, and has been a hit with customers wanting to enjoy

products from a simpler time.

Old-fashioned games and activities are available for people who want to relive a simpler time. Vicki Phipps, 51, said: "I've always thought there needs to be somewhere for people to go and enjoy talking about the past, whilst enjoying a cuppa together. That was the inspiration behind Mindful Gifts."

"The new premises means that we can now have a bigger range of stock and gift ideas with a vintage theme. We've set up a tea room for customers to enjoy tea and coffee from traditional cups and saucers as well as a model grocery store featuring tins such as Orlax beef suet, carbolic soap, Camp Coffee and Reckitt's Blue."

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# Anti-Islamic posters pensioner avoids jail

**A PENSIONER who put up a series of anti-Islamic posters near a mosque in Walsall has avoided a jail sentence.**

Francesco Riccobono displayed the posters over a three-day period in the Wednesbury Road area, near the Aisha Mosque, which featured images and messages mocking the Islam faith.

The inflammatory material caused alarm and distress among the Muslim community, Walsall Magistrates' Court heard.

Riccobono, of Sherridan Close, Pleck, was caught in the act on July 3, when police officers spotted him trying to put up another of his posters.

The 68-year-old fled but was caught with a ripped-up poster at his feet and in possession of Pritt Stick glue.

He complained to police that there was 'no freedom of speech' when he was arrested. He was handed a 12-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, for the hate crime. Mrs Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said: "Over a period of 72 hours posters were repeatedly put up. The defendant ran from the scene and was arrested."

## Candid

Riccobono at first denied any knowledge of the posters and ran from the police because he 'didn't like them'.

Mr Mandeep Bassi, defending, said: "He has been very candid and expressed opinions that other people might not express. It is a free country, we live in a democratic society. We don't live in North Korea where thoughts are controlled by the Government. He makes it clear he has no hatred for Muslims and he makes it clear the incident occurred after he was subjected to abuse for his views. He has gone about things the wrong way. Until last year he had never been in trouble. Things have happened in his mind that have affected him - something has clearly gone wrong."

Riccobono pleaded guilty to racially/religiously aggravated intentional harassment. He was also ordered to pay £510 in court costs and £50 in compensation.



Francesco Riccobono seen outside Walsall Magistrate's Court

## BT b-rings in total of £466m

BT GENERATED £466 million for the Black Country economy over the past year, according to a new independent report. Across the West Midlands BT is responsible for the employment of 6,383 people - 5,720 direct employees and 663 contractors - of which more than 1,400 are in the Black Country.

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ing of its employees. The report, from Regeneris Consulting, found that BT's impact was bigger than the region's civil engineering sector.

Tim Fanning, associate director at Regeneris Consulting, said: "Our analysis confirms the sheer scale and reach of BT's ongoing economic contribution to the West Midlands and the UK as a whole. BT makes a contribution to every community across the UK. At the UK level, £1 in every £80 of wealth created is attributable to BT."

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**ONE** in three of all asylum seekers nationally are being sent to live in the West Midlands, it was claimed today.

Councillor Roger Lawrence, chairman of the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership, said the region was 'shouldering an unfair burden'.

Councillor Lawrence, who is also the leader of Wolverhampton council, said he had raised concerns with the Home Office and controversial security firm G4S which has a multi-million pound contract to house asylum seekers.

He said: "I'm seeking an early meeting with the minister to set out our concerns about getting the best possible outcome for these very vulnerable people and to ensure a fairer solution for already 'under the cosh' local authorities in the West Midlands."

"We believe that around one-third of all claimants nationally are being accommodated in the West Midlands.

"I am asking the Home Office to look again at the number of local authorities that asylum seekers are currently dispersed to. A small number are shouldering an unfair burden, including ourselves."

Councillor Mike Bird, meanwhile, leader of Walsall Council, said: "It is not right that the Black Country and other parts of the West Midlands are housing more asylum seekers than other areas. We have a long waiting lists for housing as it is. If there are too many asylum seekers in some areas it leads to communities feeling intimidated and can cause tensions."

The Home Office won't disclose current numbers of asylum seekers or the locations of accommodation for their 'protection and privacy'. But the latest official figures from September show the number of asylum seekers in Sandwell was 695, in Wolverhampton it was 645, Walsall was 234, and Dudley was 226. In Birmingham there were 1,400 asylum seekers.

A WOMAN was taken to hospital following a two-car smash in Walsall. Emergency services were called to the incident at the junction of Stafford Road and Turnberry Road, in Bloxwich.

The crash happened at about 5.45pm last Monday.

West Midlands Fire Service said three adults and two children managed to get out of the vehicles by the time crews from Bloxwich and Walsall arrived. Two ambulances were also called to the scene and a 25-year-old woman was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Nobody was thought to have been seriously injured.

A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service said: "Two cars were in collision at the junction of Stafford Road and Turnberry Road. We were called at about 5.40pm.

"Nobody was trapped. Three adults and two children had exited the vehicles by the time firefighters had arrived. The crews from Bloxwich and Walsall made the scene safe. The recovery of the vehicles was arranged by the owners.

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Fallings Park station commander Elfyn Edwards receives the cheque off William Gibbons worker Jamie Bird

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In the aftermath of the fire bosses

at the firm praised the actions of West Midlands Fire Service (WMAS), which along with the 50-strong crew sent eight fire engines and a hydraulic platform to tackle the blaze. The firm was so grateful that bosses vowed to raise some funds for WMAS.

This pledge led to web assistant Jamie Bird collecting sponsorship cash from his colleagues and running the London Marathon earlier this year. "We wanted to show our gratitude to the fire service for their efforts on the night of the fire," said Mr Bird, from Wednesfield. One of our managers knew I was into running marathons

and asked me if I could do something to help. I was planning to run the London Marathon so it seemed a good way to raise the money."

Fitness fanatic Mr Bird, who has run 17 marathons in total this year, collected more than £2,000 from colleagues at the firm, which employs almost 500 staff. The cash was recently handed over to Fallings Park station commander Elfyn Edwards.

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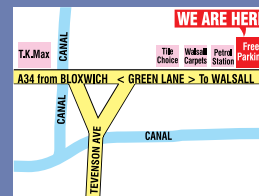
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## Angela's sweet start as lollipop lady



Patrol warden Angela Shepherd starts her job with, back, from left, Butts Primary school headmistress Angela Hill, Councillor Mohammed Arif, Fenz Nadeem, Joshua Follows, Ellie Nicholls and front, Myah Lyttle

A PRIMARY school has welcomed the arrival of a new lollipop lady following a long-running campaign to find a replacement.

Worried parent Louise Sedgwick organised the campaign to find a crossing warden following an accident outside Butts Primary School, in Teddesley Street, Walsall, in December last year.

The child was fortunately unhurt but Mrs Sedgwick recognised the need to find a replacement quickly, after the previous crossing warden had retired due to ill health. New crossing lady Angela Shepherd started her position at the school last week. Headteacher

Angela Hill said: "It is such an important job and we welcome our new warden to this vital role."

St Matthews Ward councillor, Mohammed Arif, worked alongside the school to find a replacement. Mrs Hill added: "Councillor Arif has been of great help in helping to expedite the recruitment checking process and keeping the concerned school community updated on the progress at all times." A replacement lollipop warden was originally found in March, but resigned in June.

Speaking on the new appointment of Mrs Shepherd, Councillor Arif, said: "I

am delighted for the school community and we welcome Angela. Walsall Council is always looking for school crossing wardens and I urge people interested to contact our operations manager Bill Gwilt on 01922 652544."

In June last year Walsall Council was criticised when proposals were unveiled to stop funding for almost half of school lollipop men and women in a bid to save £85,000 a year. But parents and opposition councillors stepped in over fears that children's lives could be put at risk. The council then announced it was to take on 15 new lollipop men and women just months later.

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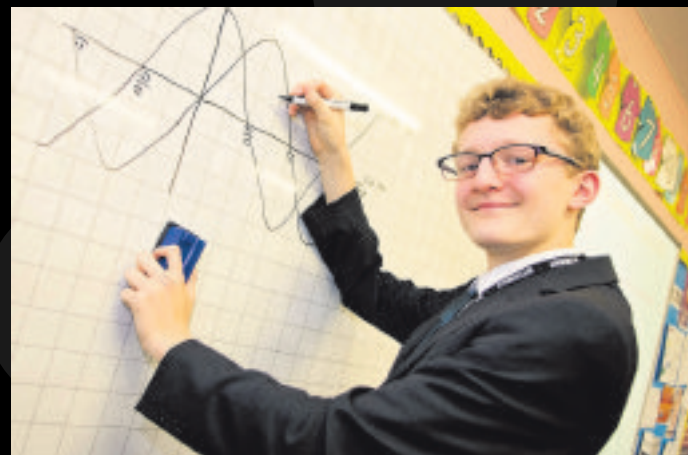
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# Diana statue given fresh look after moss gripes

**BARELY** recognisable after more than 15 years, this controversial statue of Princess Diana is looking good as new following feedback on social media.

Once known as the 'Black Diana' statue, the granite likeness of the People's Princess is now kept outside its creator's shop in Bloxwich.

It caught the attention of users on the Facebook group Walsall in Pictures after it was spotted - having been given a makeover to lighten up the figure - covered in moss.

Staff at Andrew Walsh Funerals, in Park Road, Bloxwich, quickly responded to the latest feedback and cleaned the now polished princess.

## Endeavour

Jacey Campbell of Strong's Memorials, which is incorporated into Andrew Walsh Funerals, said: "We are pleased to be able to announce that she has now been cleaned, so that she can once more be admired by the community."

"Moss build-up will always be an issue with natural carved granite stone but we always endeavour to clean it off as often as we can."

"We hope that nobody has felt she has been neglected as we receive only positive feedback about her."

The granite figure was originally carved in India and was the centrepiece of an exhibition of burial art in May 2000.

But critics took to social media to describe it as 'demonic' and, despite re-



The Diana statue seen after it was first unveiled to the world in 2000

moving the black veneer to give Diana a more realistic look, she never found a permanent public home.

A ballot revealed that much of Walsall wanted to see the statue put on display at the New Art Gallery, but local councillors threw out the bid in 2001.

After a string of temporary locations, the statue found a place outside its creators' shop in Bloxwich, where it has stayed ever since, although the passage of time has seen it change colour from black, to white, to green.

And while users on Facebook called the statue creepy and compared it to the Weeping Angels - the spooky Doctor Who baddies who disguise



The statue showing signs of age after moss built up, but is now good as new themselves as sculptures - others are interested in seeing it take a more conspicuous place in the town.

Rushall-Shelfield Councillor Richard Worrall said: "I think it deserves prominence somewhere in the borough, but where it is now is not exactly prominent."

"There was a sort of wave of emotion at the time, but now that's died down, it's a bit of okay public art and we don't do too well on public art in Walsall. I think it deserves display."

"At the time I did a consultation and there was a very sizeable majority who wanted it on public display."

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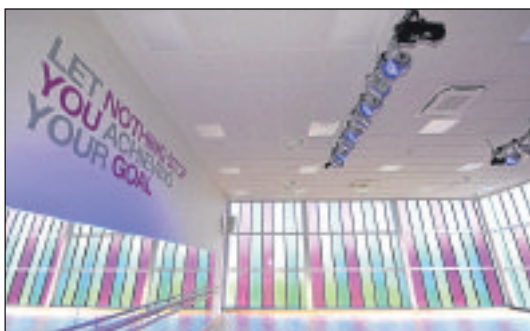
Gym and fitness instructor Josie Rickards seen with equipment in the spin room



Lifeguard Tasha Robinson shows Ben Thompson and Indi-Rose Matthews the pool



Josie in among the weights at the new centre's gym



The dance studio at the leisure centre, with its inspiring message

# Centre up and running

**COSTING £8.1 million and featuring a 25-metre pool, two dance studios and a 100-station fitness suite, Wednesbury's new leisure centre has arrived.**

Members of the public were offered their first glimpse of the glittering complex on High Bullen last week, before it opened for the first time next Monday.

People were able to tour the building and check out its state-of-the-art facilities, which also include a sports hall and learner pool.

The centre has been named after Joel Richards, the 19-year-old from Wednesbury who died in the Tunisian terror attack, alongside his uncle Adrian Evans and grandfather Patrick Evans.

He said: "I was really impressed and so was everyone else who was going round. The gym looked great, and the dance studio with its multi-coloured windows."

"I actually learned to swim in the old leisure centre and from the 70s to now, it is vastly different. It really is a quality building. This is a focal point for the town, and when people talk about what makes a good town leisure centres are always part of that. Now we have this gym, dance studio and sports hall it will be great to get people in there and moving around."

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Sandwell Council announced in September that the centre would be named in honour of Joel Richards, who was a football referee and keen sportsman, following the tragedy in Tunisia and Councillor Lloyd said it was a fitting tribute.

He said: "It is a nice touch for the town to remember Joel, he was really into his sport."

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A picture of the 1772 canal bridge, seen from the new bridge, as it was 110 years ago



Joey Brew holding the jigsaw puzzle below the bridge it depicts



Barry Freeman's painting End of an Era, featuring the Defiant locomotive



The 'Meccano' bridge under construction 100 years ago



The coal yard at Newbridge, by the old canal bridge

# Centre puts pieces together to bridge gap from end of an era

IN the summer of 1947, the Great Western Railway Castle Class locomotive Defiant hauled a passenger train from Tettenhall Station, crossing the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal on the Warren Truss girder bridge.

Always known locally as the Meccano Bridge, it was only 400 yards beyond the station, with private, working narrowboats hauling loads on the waterway beneath.

This really was heading towards the end of an era, because on January 1, 1948 the railways and the waterways were nationalised.

It was the end of an era in another sense, as the very last flights of any Defiant aircraft, after which the locomotive was named, were made at this time from Penfold airfield, only half a mile away, where Boulton Paul still used one of two for development work.

## MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

The Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre – based near the canal at the Smestow Valley local nature reserve – discovered that a marvellous painting depicting the historic scene, painted by local artist, Barry Freeman had been made into a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle.

Immediately they secured a stock for sale in their shop, ready for Christmas, and to publicise its existence to locals who know the Meccano bridge so well. The Meccano Bridge now carries the Smestow Valley foot/cycle path across the canal.

It was built a hundred years ago to carry what was built as the Wolverhampton to Bridgnorth Railway, though the branch from Wombourne to Bridgnorth was never actually completed.

The next bridge over the canal to the East was built, along with the canal, in 1772, to

carry the London to Holyhead Road, and alongside that, as at most canal/road junctions in the town, there was a coal yard, on the site of the current MS Centre.

Right next to the 1772 bridge is the New Bridge, carrying Thomas Telford's road below The Rock.

However the bridge carrying the road now, is not Telford's bridge, which gave the area its name, because that was knocked down in 1930, along with the Newbridge pub which was built on the end of it, and was replaced with the bridge we have today, a new Newbridge pub being built over the road.

A little nearer the Rock yet another bridge carries the Tettenhall road over the old railway line as well, and yet such is the design of the main road, many people driving along it each day would struggle to realise what a cluster of bridges there are.

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Alec Brew seen inside the centre

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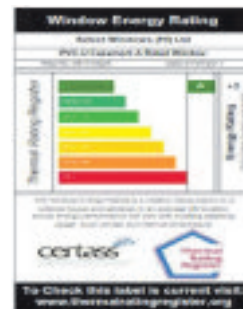
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Councillor Angela Underhill places a wreath on the Carless memorial



Queen Mary's Combined Cadet Force seen during the Remembrance Day procession



Taking the salute are Army cadets in the Remembrance Day event on Sunday



Mercian Regimental Mascot, LCpl Derby XXIX, a pedigree Swaledale ram



A soldier on horseback during the procession to the cenotaph from the council house

# Town centre falls silent

'AT the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.'

The most poignant words on the most sombre day in Walsall's calendar echoed around the town centre as hundreds attended this year's Remembrance Sunday service.

The event started with a procession to the cenotaph in Bradford Place before those present sang hymns accompanied by The Staffordshire Band and Members of the Credo Singers. Then The Last Post was sounded followed by a rifle

salute by members of the Mercian Regiment to mark the beginning and the end of the two-minute silence. Rev Mark Kinder gave the blessing and the National Anthem was sung.

Mike Bird, the leader of Walsall Council, said: "I tend not to get too emotional but as we were walking back from the cenotaph the public started applauding and that was very emotional."

"It was great to see so many young people there as well."

Before the parade got underway the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Angela Underhill, accompanied descendants of John Henry Carless to place a wreath on the Carless memorial, Lichfield

Street. Born in the town, Carless was awarded the Victoria Cross in the First World War for "bravery and devotion to duty" which resulted in his death.

On November 17, 1917, at the Second Battle of Heligoland Bight, off the German coast, he was serving on HMS Caledon.

The citation issued when he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross read: "For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. Although mortally wounded in the abdomen, he still went on serving the gun at which he was acting as rammer, lifting a projectile and helping to clear away the other casualties."



Members of the Mercian Regiment take part in the procession to the cenotaph

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# Brushing up on projects

COMMUNITY projects in Walsall could be up for a free lick of paint as part of a national competition. Johnstone's Paint has launched its Community Spirit campaign, which could see projects given a makeover.

Richard Mazurkiewicz, spokesman for Johnstone's Paint, said: "After the success of last year's Johnstone's Community Spirit campaign, we are delighted to be offering this fantastic opportunity for charities and community groups in Walsall.

“There is no project too small – whether

it be a rundown scout hut, a school in need of a makeover or a community centre requiring a lick of paint. The only proviso is that the facility or group must provide a community benefit."

The campaign is being run in conjunction with the Football League Trophy, which will be sponsored by Johnstones' Paint for the 10th consecutive season this year. Charities and projects can enter by completing an application form at [johnstonespainttrophy.com/communityspirit](http://johnstonespainttrophy.com/communityspirit)

# Firefighters in action threat over jobs axe

**WEST Midlands firefighters are threatening industrial action over plans to axe up to 300 posts, union bosses have warned.**

The Fire Brigade Union (FBU) says proposed cuts to staffing levels would force West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) to rely on the 'pure goodwill' of firefighters to work non-obligatory overtime shifts. It comes after the nationally-agreed overtime rate that firefighters are paid of 'time and a half' has been replaced with a flat rate, making overtime shifts less attractive according to the FBU. Union bosses say the move has increased the likelihood of staff shortages during some shifts.

As a result, they claim that this puts public safety at risk.

FBU bosses say they are currently trialling new staffing arrangements which they insist will have no impact on their ability to respond to emergency calls.

WMAS is facing £14 million worth of funding cuts from 2016-19.

Steve Price-Hunt, secretary of the FBU in the West Midlands, said: "Industrial action is always a last resort and we hope it doesn't have to come to that. But we cannot just let these dangerous cuts that could put fire engines out of action go through."

"I became a firefighter to serve the public and protect people from harm.

## Endanger

"That's the case for every firefighter serving in the West Midlands and the rest of the UK. We cannot just stand by and watch plans be implemented that we know will endanger the public."

West Midlands Fire Service has said the 300 firefighting posts earmarked to go will come from 'natural wastage', meaning firefighters who retire or leave the job will not be replaced.

Mr. Price-Hunt added: "Our concern here is all about the safety of the public and the safety of firefighters responding to those emergencies."

"These proposals leave firefighters without proper shift systems.

"Managers are dangerously gambling on the goodwill of firefighters to fully staff the service.

"We hope managers at the fire service will now begin to re-evaluate these ill-thought out plans."

# Hugh's cycle cash will boost hospice



**Senior Staff Nurse Jeanette Castree with Hugh Porter**

THIS year's Christmas party at Compton Hospice is set to be a lavish affair thanks to the fundraising exploits of a Wolverhampton cycling legend.

Hugh Porter raised more than £2,700 for the hospice when he completed the 40 mile Aviva Tour ride through Worcestershire at the start of last month. And part of the cash will go towards ensuring patients at the hospice on Compton Road West have a very merry Christmas.

Compton Hospice spokeswoman Grace Ruston explained: "Hugh has always been a fantastic supporter of the hospice and we are so grateful that he has raised a fantastic amount of money. Part of the cash will be used to put on activities and entertainment for patients at Christmas. Thanks to Hugh this year's party should be a very memorable one indeed."

A portion of funds will pay for specialist equipment for the lymphedema clinic, including garments to help reduce swelling. Mr Porter's exploits will also fund a new laptop.

## Man is cut free from crashed car after it careers off motorway

A MAN had to be cut free from his car after it crashed down an embankment and hit two trees off the M5 in the Black Country. The motorist, believed to be in his 50s, was trapped for around 45 minutes before being freed through the roof of his car by firefighters.

Emergency services were called to the northbound carriage of the M5, just past junction one for West Bromwich at 7.30am last Monday. The car left the carriageway and ended up 6ft down an embankment on the side of the motorway. Fire crews from Oldbury and Smethwick and one ambulance from West Midlands Ambulance Service attended the scene.

A paramedic area support officer and

specialist paramedics who deal with difficult rescue bids also attended the scene. No other cars were involved in the incident. Fire services were present until 9am.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith, said: "Crews arrived to find a car that had travelled down the embankment at the side of the motorway and the driver trapped inside."

"Ambulance crews assessed the man before working closely with the fire service to free him, ensuring he was kept as still as possible at all times. He was treated for neck, shoulder and wrist injuries, immobilised with the use of a neck collar and spinal board and transported to Sandwell Hospital for further assessment."

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## Don't go visiting if ill, warns council

COUNCILLORS in Wolverhampton have warned people not to visit public places if they have suffered stomach upsets or flu-like symptoms in the previous four days. The advice is designed to help avoid the spread of the winter vomiting bug or norovirus. The bug is highly contagious, so infected people should minimise contact with other people to prevent its rapid spread.

Councillor Sandra Samuels, cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, said: "Norovirus is highly contagious and can spread rapidly anywhere that people are gathered, such as schools or offices, especially during colder months. So it is very important that people think carefully about going into work or school, or visiting public places like hospitals, if they or anyone in their family has had even mild symptoms of stomach upset which could potentially be caused by norovirus."

People with norovirus usually recover without treatment in between 24 and 72 hours. Doctors advise those displaying symptoms not to visit their GP, but to rest at home and take plenty of non-caffeinated drinks to avoid dehydration.



Mayor, David Cooper at the front, and with, from left, James Gittins from Severn Valley Landscapes, Sarah Yardley from Veritas Therapy, Anne Wilson (Town Clerk), Pauline Harris (Chair of the Christmas Committee)

## Christmas tree going to light the way to town

A 60ft tree will shine out like a beacon at the gateway to a town this Christmas after businesses clubbed together to pay for it.

A Ginko tree next to the bridge at Quayside, Bridgnorth will be adorned with lights this Christmas after about £3,000 was donated by traders.

The money was raised in the space of two weeks by businesses in Bridgnorth following an appeal by town councillors.

Mayor of Bridgnorth, Councillor David Cooper, said: "We agreed that if we could raise the money we would light the last tree on Bridgnorth Quayside. It is very large and it will be viewable from the Eastern side of the River Severn, and the main road from Wolverhampton, from the top of Hermitage Hill and The Grove."

"On of the things we were looking for was something that would give that wow factor and this should have that," he said.

Blachere Illuminations Ltd will provide pea and sparkling stars for the height of the tree, while Severn Valley Landscapes Ltd has offered to put up the lights free of charge.

Other businesses and organisations involved in the scheme include Specsavers, Peepos, LW Foxall, Severn Valley Railway, Veritas Therapy and Perry & Phillips Funeral Directors.

The fir has been named the Tree of Reflection because its lights will reflect in the river water.

The town's main switch-on will take place on November 20 but residents and businesses will also be invited to the grand switch-on of the Tree of Reflection on November 22, from 4pm.

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## Father, 92, died after emergency stop by bus

A 92-YEAR-OLD bus passenger died of injuries suffered when the vehicle made an emergency stop due to children running in the road, an inquest heard.

The son of Joseph James Stockton said the parents of the children were 'ultimately responsible' for his father's death.

Mr Stockton, a great-grandfather who trained as a bomber pilot in the Second World War, was on the bus travelling along Sutton Way, Telford, on September 3 when he stood up ready for the next stop.

At that moment three children ran up to the road. One remained on the pavement but two ran into the road, one stopping halfway and the other into the path of the bus, causing it to make an emergency stop.

As a result of the braking, Mr Stockton lost his footing, causing the serious head and neck injuries that led to his death two days later at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

### Irresponsible

An inquest held by Shropshire Coroner John Ellery at Wellington Civic Centre recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Following the hearing, his son Michael, 63, said the parents of the children involved should have taken more responsibility to ensure the children did not put themselves, or others, in harm's way.

Mr Stockton, who lives in Wolverhampton, said: "His life would have continued for many more years if it had not been cut short by the irresponsible actions of those children, who forced the bus driver to brake suddenly, causing our father to fall."

"The parents of these children are ultimately responsible for our father's tragic, untimely, violent death, and all of his family and friends agree that social services need to take a hard



Joseph James Stockton

like with all of them. We know this will not change events but surely the parents have a duty of care to ensure their children are at all times supervised and looked after, to make sure they do not put either their own or other people's lives in danger. I'm not saying they meant to cause harm but as a result, we have lost our father."

His father was born and raised in Wolverhampton but moved to Telford 30 years ago. His wife Freda died 15 years ago.

He was also a father to 65-year-old Sue and had become a great-grandfather in April of this year.

His son said: "He was extremely fit and exceptionally active for a man of his age, being on no regular medication. He was very proud of being mainly self-sufficient and independent, taking pleasure from looking after his dog, doing most of his own gardening, cooking and cleaning."

"Dad was very popular, well liked and respected having many friends."

## Centre plans change

A day care centre for people with learning difficulties could be transformed into a supported living unit.

Select Lifestyles wants to make the changes to the former St John's Parish Hall, St John's Square, Wolverhampton. It is now proposed to convert the building to provide supported living.

Plans have been submitted to Wolverhampton council.



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# Vaccines ready to rock the Civic

**MILLION** record selling rockers The Vaccines kick-off their biggest UK tour to date with a gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday.

The indie band from London released their third album, *English Graffiti*, in May and have recently released *Give Me A Sign* as a single accompanied by a video inspired by spoof rock documentary *Spinal Tap*.

The outfit fronted by Southampton-born singer and guitarist Justin Young have toured the world with The Rolling Stones, Muse, Arctic Monkeys and Red Hot Chili Peppers, and performed at several major festivals over the summer including Glastonbury, Latitude and T in the Park. This week they are touring Australian stadia with Mumford And Sons.

Turn up early to catch Lambeth's raucous Palma Violets, who should get the Civic warmed up nicely.

Other gigs worth braving the November chill for: Liverpool's Cast are back with a new song *Baby Blue Eyes* and a gig for Britpop connoisseurs at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Saturday. That's the same night inspired English art pop outfit Everything Everything, featuring the rapid-fire vocals of Jonathan Higgs, are at Brum's O2 Academy.

Former Public Image Ltd bassist Jah Wobble brings his *Invaders Of The Heart* to the Robin 2 in Bilston tonight (Thu). The same venue hosts Brit soul legends The Real Thing on Saturday, former members of Captain Beefheart's The Magic Band on Monday and on Tuesday Cherie Currie from US punk legends The Run-



The Vaccines with Palma Violets could be a gig of the year contender

aways. The Cherry Bomb singer is coming to the Black Country venue as part of her first UK tour in 35 years.

And a heads-up to the Tartan Army of 50something former teenyboppers, Les McKeown brings his Bay City Rollers to the Robin 2 next Thursday, November 19, for a night of Shang-

A-Lang and Bye Bye Baby. More 70s sensations — drummer Roger Taylor's Queen extravaganza marks 40 years since *A Night At The Opera* with a sold out gig at Birmingham Town Hall on Monday and Steve Harley brings *Cockney Rebel* to Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

## Brainy O'Briain is never boring



*'It's like walking a tightrope'*

DARA O'Briain may have become a household name through *Mock The Week*, *The Apprentice*: You're Fired! and *Star Gazing Live*, but there's nothing he loves more than being in theatres to perform stand-up.

"The other day, I sat in an empty theatre thinking, 'I just love these rooms'. I'm on the board of the Theatres Trust to protect these wonderful buildings. I adore these places. It still gives me such a thrill to walk on stage. When you arrive at an empty theatre, the potential is immense. When the show starts and you hear those waves of laughter in the auditorium, it's a huge rush."

Though his show has toured the UK, when it reaches Birmingham, anything could happen: "I love the fact that you can shape the entire evening by thinking on your feet. It's like walking a tightrope."

A former maths and physics student at Dublin's prestigious Trinity University, Dara mixes comedy with science. He interviewed Professor Stephen Hawking this year. "His biggest regret was not being able to physically play with his children when they were little. I was happy that he was prepared to be that honest with me. I suppose when you're choosing your words as carefully as he does, why waste them on waffle?"

"It's great to tackle subjects that are more thought-provoking, but I have this dread that people will go 'Oh Dara's show - there'll be some bit where he bores us with some science thing'. Hopefully by then they're unable to talk because I have beaten them over the head with so much humour."

Dara O'Briain is at Birmingham Hippodrome tonight (Thu), tomorrow and Saturday.

### Hoff on his way with 1980s musical

TV legend David Hasselhoff will arrive in Wolverhampton next week as part of the world premiere tour of a new musical.

The former *Baywatch* and *Knight Rider* star will be appearing in *Last Night A DJ Saved My Life* from Tuesday to Saturday, November 21, at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

The production opened in Blackpool last month and audiences in Wolverhampton will be among the first to see The Hoff plays Ross, a hedonist DJ who does not realise the disco era is over. While trying to keep up with a younger girlfriend played by Hollyoaks star Kim Tiddy, matters are complicated by the arrival of his teenage daughter.

### Gershwin, Brel and Tchaikovsky

THE John Wilson Orchestra are on course to sell out their celebration of the musical genius of George Gershwin at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, tonight (Thu). Movie music maestro Wilson will present Gershwin's greatest hits in sumptuous original film orchestrations.

The music of France will be performed in the CBSO's Friday Night Classics concert *La vie en rose*, featuring tributes to Edith Piaf and Jacques Brel. Guest singers at Symphony Hall will include Graham Bickley. Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony and Beethoven's Violin Concerto, with Alina Ibragimova, feature in Wednesday's 2.15pm concert.

### Opera is bringing musical madness

MADNESS descends upon Birmingham Hippodrome next week when Welsh National Opera's autumn season takes mental turmoil as its theme.

WNO explore Madness with a new production of Bellini's *I puritani* on Tuesday, which charts the heroine Elvira's mental disintegration. Linda Richardson sings Elvira and celebrated bel canto tenor Barry Banks sings Arturo.

Handel's *Orlando* is performed on Wednesday with musical virtuosity as a metaphor for insanity. Countertenor Lawrence Zazzo is in the lead role and the opera is relocated to London during the Blitz.

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View of the tree-lined La Rambla from Sants Montjuïc



The Sagrada Familia, a large Roman Catholic church



Debbie stayed at the Barceló Sants hotel



The futuristic tower, Sants Montjuïc

# Father-daughter time is out of this world in super sci-fi hotel

**A FAMILY holiday by the sea – a typical British summer pastime. But a mini break with dad when you're in your late 40s and he's late 60s?**

My father and I can argue until blue in the face – but a love of sunshine, good food, a bit of architecture, and quite a lot of alcohol, I've sort of inherited from him.

Barcelona it is then. Dad declares it one of his favourite cities and has been there many times.

We're staying at Barceló Sants – a glass box of a hotel, a 20 minute train hop from the city's El Prat airport. The huge hotel is perched on top of the city's main railway station in the Sants district, a couple of miles from the historic centre, but surrounded by an abundance of shops and tavernas. The entrance to the recently-re-

**By Debbie Bennett**

furbished Barceló Sants is out of this world. Welcome aboard the 'space hotel' with its curved automatic glass doors, a circular internet hub, and giant images from sci-fi films high up beyond a wide staircase and gravity-defying mezzanine floor to the Orbital rooms and suites.

Our lovely twin room on the seventh floor overlooks the bustling district below. The restaurant too has a science theme, divided into three areas, the Oxygen buffet, the a-la-carte Hydrogen and chilled-out Nitrogen cafe.

Dad and I have booked three nights in sci-fi splendour, but head out into the warm July evening, exploring Sants. We chance upon the best paella we've ever tasted and guzzle sangria, before heading back to the hotel's Orbital bar, followed by some seri-

ous cyber sleep. Our two full days in heat-wave-hit Barcelona consist of exploring the sights, both on foot and on the fantastic Barcelona Bus Turistic. These sightseeing buses cover three routes, including the city's architecture-packed centre, taking in Antoni Gaudí's organic-style modernism masterpieces including Casa Milà and the still-unfinished Sagrada Familia.

One bus takes us on a route unfamiliar even to dad. It's a delightful ascent along cool winding streets to the Sants Montjuïc district where stops along the way give panoramic views of the city below, including its centrepiece – the famous tree-lined La Rambla, and the imposing mountains beyond. Parts of Sants Montjuïc were created for the city's hosting of the Olympics in 1992. The stadiums, tracks and pools are still in use, guarded over by a sinuous futuristic 136m telecommunications tower. The

bus continues on down to the port where the blue Med glistens and pristine cruise ships wait in the harbour.

Dad and I have booked a little boat trip to escape the searing heat. The sightseeing bus stops near the small harbour of Port Olímpic where we meet David, our skipper for a couple of hours. Our vessel is a simple sailboat which holds no more than six people and the three of us have it all to ourselves. We head out to sea for about half a mile while David gives us a potted history of the city and of himself.

I get to swim, and dad gets to be captain before David serves up olives and Cava in between steering us back to port.

We crammed quite a lot into two days. We didn't get to visit all that Barcelona is famous for, but our galactic hotel, mini off-shore adventure and that father-daughter time made sure it was truly memorable.

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CHOICE



**David Gilmour**

**David Gilmour: Wider Horizons (BBC2, 9.45pm)**

Not everybody wants to spend their entire lives doing one profession or activity. Even if you happen to be very good at something, and perhaps universally acclaimed for it, it can be useful to take a little time out to recharge your batteries or try a new pastime. It seems that David Gilmour has been doing just that for the past nine years. That's how long the former Pink Floyd guitarist was out of the music business before returning with his fourth solo album, Rattle That Lock, which was released in September; a tour to promote it is currently under way. This documentary examines Gilmour's life and career, and he's on hand to give candid insights into the key events that have shaped him.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.45** The Lord Mayor's Show. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.45** Rugby League. England v New Zealand (Kick-off 1.00pm). **3.10** Formula 1: The Brazilian Grand Prix – Qualifying. The battle for pole at Interlagos in Sao Paulo (Start-time 4.00pm). **5.20** Children in Need 2015: The Best Bits.

**6.30 BBC News.**

**6.40 Regional Programme.**

**6.50 Strictly Come Dancing.** The nine couples step out onto the dance floor once again as the pro-celebrity dance competition draws closer to its finale. As ever, the stars are hoping to impress judges Len Goodman, Darcy Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood – as well as viewers at home – with the carefully plotted routines they have been working on throughout the week. However, there is added pressure this evening, as not only will winning over the panel help the competitors secure a place in the next round, but it will also provide them with a chance to dance at the celebrated Blackpool Tower Ballroom next weekend.

**8.15 Doctor Who.** Video recovered from the wreckage of Le Verrier Space Station details how the Doctor and Clara became entangled in a deadly rescue mission. With Reece Shearsmith.

**9.00 Casualty.** A violent altercation at the ambulance station, forces Alicia to treat a patient in the back of a van, and Jacob turns vigilante as he tracks the police officer who shot him.

**9.50 The National Lottery Live.** Adil Ray, creator and star of Citizen Khan, joins Gaby Roslin for the all-important draws at Lottery HQ.

**10.00 BBC News:** Weather.

**10.20 MOTD Special: David Beckham's Match for Children.** Highlights of UNICEF's "match for children" at Old Trafford, which saw David Beckham captain a Great Britain and Ireland XI versus a Rest of the World team led by Zinedine Zidane; National Lottery Update.

**11.00 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.** (2003) Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom.

**1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15 Film:** Henry VIII and His Six Wives. (1972) **8.15** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Practice One. **10.05** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Practice Two. **11.55** F1 Rewind – Great Results. **12.55** Live Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix – Practice Three. Coverage from Interlagos. **2.05 Film:** The Red Shoes. (1948) Powell and Pressburger's drama, starring Moira Shearer. **4.15** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **4.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.30** Pog It! (R)

**6.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down.** In Stoke-on-Trent, nine potters have to make decorative hand basins, as well as add a surface design to plain tiles for judges Kate Malone and Keith Brymer Jones. They are also challenged to throw the tallest cylinder they can while blindfolded. Sara Cox presents. (R)

**7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo embarks on a Greek odyssey from the Athens port of Piraeus, north to the city of Thessaloniki, exploring the Acropolis and sampling moussaka and baklava. (R)

**8.30 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring is determined that all his men should be well-shod and have battle-worthy feet, so he starts a regimen involving lengthy route marches. (R)

**9.00 Qi XL.** Stephen Fry invites David Mitchell, Sue Perkins and Sami Shah to join regular panellist Alan Davies as he meanders about some places that start with the letter M.

**9.45 David Gilmour: Wider Horizons.** Documentary offering an intimate portrait of the former Pink Floyd guitarist, as he returns to his solo career after a nine-year break with the release of his fourth album, Rattle that Lock, and an accompanying world tour. The film provides insights into Gilmour's professional and personal life, as he muses on the events that have shaped him as both a person and a musician.

**11.00 Film: The Last Station.** (2009) The private secretary to the ageing Tolstoy is caught up in the conflict over who owns the writer's legacy. Period drama, with James McAvoy, Christopher Plummer and Helen Mirren.

**12.45 Film:** Sergeant Rutledge. (1960) **2.30** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.25** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Adventure Time. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Countrywise. (R) **10.50** ITV News: Weather. **10.55** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **11.50** Downton Abbey. (R) **1.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.20** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.05** Doc Martin. (R) **4.05** Film: Scooby-Doo. (2002) Live-action comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. **5.45** Regional Programme : Weather.

**6.00** **ITV News:** Weather.

**6.15 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking contestants Annwen Davies, Jamie Walker and Leah Clements to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues.

**7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Dr Christian Jessen, JB Gill, Helen Lederer and Stephen Hendry join forces to take on the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

**8.00 The X Factor.** The number of hopeful stars continues to dwindle as more acts are eliminated from the contest. Tonight, Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present as the remaining contestants face their third live show, in which they must once again demonstrate their talent to judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora, in the hopes of surviving another round.

**9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show.** Real Madrid footballer Cristiano Ronaldo, actress, model and singer Agyness Deyn and former Doctor Who star David Tennant join Jonathan in the studio.

**10.50** **ITV News:** Weather.

**11.10 Euro 2016 Play-Off Highlights.** Richard Henwood presents action from the first-leg matches, including Bosnia-Herzegovina v Republic of Ireland at Bilino Polje Stadium.

**11.55 River Monsters.** Jeremy Wade visits tourist hot spots in America. (R)

**12.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** River Rat Race Stockton. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham and Wetherby. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.05 Come Dine with Me.** Chris Sheppard hosts the final dinner party in Worcestershire, impressing his guests with his home-made sweet chilli sauce and potato towers before the winner is announced. (R)

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 The Restoration Man.** Inexperienced developer Gareth Williams seeks help from George Clarke as he works to convert a disused Victorian church in Llanelli, Pembrokeshire. With a tight budget that forces him to buy supplies from an online auction site, and a huge amount of red tape resulting from the surrounding graveyard, the stress begins to take its toll on the builder's family. (R)

**8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin returns to north Cornwall to see one of his favourite Grand Designs, and discover whether Rebecca Sturrock and Gregory Kewish have been successful with their ambitious plans. (R)

**9.00 Film: The Inbetweeners 2.** (2014) Premiere. Awkward teenagers Will, Simon and Neil find university life does not live up to their expectations, and are insanely jealous of Jay's stories of his gap year in Australia. Heading Down Under to meet their friend, they inevitably discover he has exaggerated his escapades. Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird, James Buckley, Joe Thomas and Blake Harrison.

**10.55 Film: American Reunion.** (2012) Comedy sequel to the American Pie movies, with Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan.

**1.05** Fargo. (R) **2.00** Alan Carr : Chatty Man. (R) **2.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.05** Deal or No Deal: Double Trouble: Siblings Special. (R) **5.50** Food Unwrapped. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.00** The Saturday Show. **11.00** **Film:** Defending Santa. (2013) Festive drama, starring Dean Cain. **12.50** **Film:** Trading Christmas. (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Faith Ford and Gil Bellows. **2.35** **Film:** Farwell Mr Kringle. (2010) Christmas drama, with Christine Taylor. **4.20** **Film:** Dear Santa. (2011) Romantic comedy, starring Amy Acker and David Haydn-Jones.

**6.05 5 News Weekend.**

**6.10** **Film:** Kelly's Heroes. (1970) A rebellious American soldier fighting in occupied France learns from a captive German officer the whereabouts of a fortune in Nazi gold. Recruiting the aid of three fellow soldiers, he puts together a daring plan to penetrate enemy lines to get their hands on the bullion. Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Donald Sutherland, Rod Rickles and Harry Dean Stanton. Edited for language.

**9.00 Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including Gillingham v Bury at Priestfield Stadium and Rochdale v Wigan Athletic at Spotland in League One. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.

**10.00 Live Championship Boxing.** Nick Blackwell v Elliott Matthews. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the British Middleweight title, which takes place at the City Academy in Bristol.

**12.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the UK. Ben Fogle meets people who have escaped the rat race for a more rewarding life elsewhere in the UK, beginning with a London family who moved to rural Devon. (R) **12.55** The Gadget Show. Jon looks at the world of 3D printing, Oris struggles through a gore-filled maze of zombies, and Jason delves in the world of future gaming at Abertay University in Dundee. (R) **1.50** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Shark Attack: Feeding frenzy. An unusually aggressive shark in Florida. (R) **4.00** Big, Bigger, Biggest: The Tallest Towers. The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**

**7.00** Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** **Film:** Blades of Glory (2007) **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Josh **1.45** The Fear **2.15** Together **3.45** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**

**7.00** Lost Land of the Tiger **8.00** Horizon: The Core **9.00** Arne Dahl **11.00** Rod Stewart at the BBC **12.00** Rod Stewart Live at Hyde Park **1.00** Top of the Pops 1977: Big Hits **2.00** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **3.00** Lost Land of the Tiger **4.00** Close

**ITV2**

**11.15** Tricked **12.15** Scorpion **1.15** I'm a Celeb: Junglicious Moments **2.15** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **3.15** You've Been Framed! **3.50** Celebrity Catchphrase **4.50** **Film:** Nim's Island (2008) **6.45** **Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **9.00** **Film:** 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **11.10** Celebrity Juice **11.55** Release the Hounds **1.00** Tricked **1.55** Crazy Beaches **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Animal Practice **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**

**12.45** A Touch of Frost **2.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.50** **Film:** Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975) **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**

**12.10** World Rally Championship Highlights **12.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live. Day five from the Ricoh Arena, Coventry. **5.15** Pawn Stars **5.45** Storage Wars: Texas **6.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live. **11.15** **Film:** Death Race (2008) **1.25** The Big Fish Off **2.30** Nitro Circus **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**11.35** The Goldbergs **12.30** Melissa & Joey **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** **Film:** The Spy Next Door (2010) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** Transporter 3 (2008) **11.05** The Inbetweeners Top 10 Moments **12.05** Gogglebox **2.15** The Inbetweeners **3.10** The IT Crowd **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.25** Revenge **5.10** Rules of Engagement **Film4**

**11.00** My Neighbour Totoro (1988) **1.00** St Trinian's (2007) **3.00** Scrooged (1988) **5.00** Catch That Kid (2004) **6.45** Starman (1984) **9.00** Legion (2010) **11.00** Machete Kills (2013) **1.10** Shaolin Soccer (2001) **3.30** Close

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CHOICE



Monty Don

**The Secret History of the British Garden (BBC2, 9pm)**  
With Alan Titchmarsh seemingly concentrating on ITV and Channel 4 projects these days, Monty Don is now the go-to man for the Beeb's gardening programmes. His latest series – broadcast in four parts – examines how British horticultural havens have changed during the past 400 years. He begins by hopping back in time to the 17th century, something that proves to be quite easy – the garden at Levens Hall in Cumbria, where Don kicks off his tour, is the only one in the country that has barely changed since the 1600s. But, thanks to archaeological evidence and a photograph taken by a Luftwaffe pilot, he also unearths evidence of a lost garden and a hidden message.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **8.20** MOTD Special: David Beckham's Match for Children. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.45** Songs of Praise. **2.20** The Hunt. (R) **3.20** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix. **4.00** BBC News. **6.10** Regional Programme. **6.20** Countryfile. Ellie Harrison reports on new farming developments in Frome, Somerset and samples some of the local produce. Plus, a look back at some memorable moments from past series. Including Weather For The Week Ahead. **7.20** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman present the results of last night's show, before the two lowest scoring couples compete in a dance-off to avoid elimination from the contest. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Walmer castle, Kent, where finds include a rare pottery piglet, a revolving table with secret compartments, and a British PoW's diary. **9.00** The Hunt. The challenges predators face finding and catching prey in a forest, featuring footage of tigers, pine martens, sparrowhawks, eagles and chimpanzees. Narrated by David Attenborough. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to persuade the health visitor Grandad is in need of respite care – so she can go on holiday – and receives ominous news from beyond the grave from her late husband. (R) **11.00** Room 101 – Extra Storage. Frank Skinner invites comedienne Sue Perkins. Strictly Come Dancing judge Bruno Tonioli and TV host Steve Jones to discuss their pet hates. Last in the series. (R) **11.40** The Apprentice. The candidates travel to a south London builder's yard, where Lord Sugar challenges them to set up and run a handyman business with the winning team generating the most money. (R) **12.40** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.45** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** The Big Allotment Challenge. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** An Island Parish: Falklands. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Simply Nigella. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** My Life on a Plate. (R) **1.00** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **1.30** Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **5.00** Demolition: The Wrecking Crew. (R) **6.00** Are Our Kids Tough Enough? Chinese School. Five teachers from China take over the education of 50 teenagers in a Hampshire school to see whether the Chinese education system can work in the UK. (R) **7.00** Caribbean with Simon Reeve. Simon visits Nicaragua and Honduras on the last leg of his journey, before finishing by spending time with young Jamaicans who have rejected gang life. Last in the series. (R) **8.00** Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish. Ben Fogle takes the three finalists to Zambia for the last challenge, where they must fish on the river Zambezi, competing for a catch with the local wildlife. Last in the series. **9.00** The Secret History of the British Garden. New series. Monty Don examines how British gardens have changed over time. The first episode focuses on the 17th century, with a visit to the only surviving garden from the 1600s. **10.00** Family Guy. Peter prepares for a fight with Liam Neeson, while Lois becomes a class helper and pays more attention to the other children than she does to Stevie. **10.25** Family Guy. Peter, Quagmire and Joe take a trip to Canada on a private jet, which crashes into the wilderness. Stranded in the wilderness for two months, Peter bawls feral. **10.45** Family Guy. Stevie's beloved teddy bear Rupert gets recalled, and he will stop at nothing to get him back. **11.05** Film: Cosmopolis. (2012) A billionaire driving across Manhattan has a series of strange encounters as he faces financial ruin. David Cronenberg's drama, with Robert Pattinson and Juliette Binoche. **12.50** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.45** Holy City. (R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Super 4. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **8.30** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Horrible Science. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **1.30** River Monsters. (R) **2.00** Catchphrase. (R) **2.45** The X Factor. (R) **4.30** The Nation's Favourite Beatles Number One. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Jekyll and Hyde. Robert tries to find a cure for Maggie's condition, which leads Garson to make a discovery about the Jekyll curse. Dance makes Robert a tempting offer in return for his help. **8.00** The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs reveal the results of last night's live show, before the two lowest scoring contestants compete in a sing-off to decide who gets eliminated. **9.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! New series. Ant and Dec present the celebrity survival challenge, which returns for a 15th series. Another batch of famous faces are packed off to the Australian jungle, although the unlucky contestants have not been identified at the time of going to press. There could be an unpleasant surprise in store for them this time, as the gruelling tasks get started as soon as they arrive. The first episode will give viewers the chance to vote for who must face the first of this year's stomach-churning Bush Tucker Trials. **10.50** ITV News; Weather. **11.10** Off Their Rockers. Mo embraces modern fashion, Tony reveals a saucy secret and Royston shares his strange inventions, as the irreverent hidden-camera show continues. (R) **11.40** The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser. (R) **12.35** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** Chasing Perfection. **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Cheltenham. **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. (2010) Fantasy adventure, with George Henley and Skandar Keynes. **5.40** Channel 4 News. **6.00** Small Animal Hospital. One-off episode in which John Barrowman reports on a black Labrador who collapsed suddenly, a cocker spaniel with a potentially fatal disease, and a terrier with cancer of the jaw. **7.00** Restoring Britain's Landmarks. The restoration of St Edward's Presbytery begins, a Grade I masterpiece which was designed and owned by architect Augustus Pugin. Alastair Dick-Cleland oversees the recreation of an oriel window which was destroyed in the 1950s, while at Belmont House, John Evetts calls upon craftspeople to ensure it is ready for its first paying guests. Plus, Anna Keay learns about the secret technique which holds Astley Castle together. (R) **8.00** Million Pound Mega Yachts. Documentary about the Monaco Yacht Show, in which over 100 of the largest yachts on the water are up for sale, with billionaire buyers competing to own the most extravagant vessels. **9.00** Homeland. Saul decides to order a sweep at the station. Meanwhile, a beleaguered Carrie looks to During for some much-needed support. Thriller following a team of CIA agents, starring Claire Danes and Mandy Patinkin. **10.05** Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R) **11.10** Film: Man on a Ledge. (2012) An escaped convict threatens to jump from a skyscraper, while his brother carries out a plan of his own in the ensuing chaos. Thriller, starring Sam Worthington and Jamie Bell. **1.10** Grand Designs Australia. **2.05** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Ticky Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.35** Film: My Santa. (2013) Drama, starring Samaira Armstrong. **2.15** Film: A Fairytale Christmas. (2013) Romantic drama, starring C Thomas Howell and Haylie Duff. **4.00** Film: The Christmas Secret. (2014) Drama, starring Bethany Joy Lenz. **5.40** Film: Christmas with the Kranks. (2004) Festive comedy, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Tim Allen. **7.30** 5 News Weekend. **7.35** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition. **8.00** Impractical Jokers UK. The guys teach a karate class, pose as newspaper reporters, steal from people's shopping baskets and take a massage chair into the street to offer free neck and head rubs. **8.30** Impractical Jokers UK. The guys steal food from customers' plates in a restaurant and try to teach languages they cannot speak. **9.00** Film: Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters. (2013) The fairytale brother and sister grow up to be renowned witch hunters, using advanced weaponry to battle the supernatural. Their latest case leads to an encounter with a powerful sorceress. Fantasy adventure, with Gemma Arterton and Jeremy Renner. **10.45** Film: Killer Elite. (2011) A former secret agent takes on one last mission to save his mentor, but assassins are sent to stop him. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham, Clive Owen and Robert De Niro. **12.50** Criminals: Caught on Camera. **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Eamonn & Ruth: How the Other Half Lives. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Highlights  
**8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.30** Film: Kidulthood (2005) **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.15** Family Guy **12.35** Rent a Cop **1.05** The Rise of Female Violence **2.00** Russell Howard's Good News **2.30** Together **4.00** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank **8.00** Mark Lawson Talks To David Hare **9.00** On Stage: Live from Television Centre **11.00** Blood and Gutter: 70 Years of the Citizens Theatre **12.00** Lost Land of the Tiger **1.00** Full Throttle: The Glory Days of British Motorbikes **2.00** Plastic: How It Works **3.00** Mark Lawson Talks To David Hare **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.05** The X Factor **12.55** I'm a Celebrity: Stars of the Tiger **1.00** I'm a Celebrity: Stars of the Tiger **1.00** Full Throttle: The Glory Days of British Motorbikes **2.00** Plastic: How It Works **3.00** Mark Lawson Talks To David Hare **4.00** Close  
**ITV3**  
**11.40** Wycliffe **12.50** Film: Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975) **2.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.55** Midsomer Murders **6.55** Sunday Night at the Palladium **7.55** By Royal Appointment **9.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **11.00** Film: Conspiracy 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) **7.10** Film: Bean (1997) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.05** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed **10.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.55** Film: Almost Married (2014) **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV4**  
**11.15** MotoGP Highlights **12.15** World Rally Championship Highlights **12.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live **5.15** Prawn Stars **5.45** Storage Wars **6.45** Snooker: Champion of Champions Live **11.15** Film: Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) **1.20** Jimmy White: Sports Life Stories **2.25** Nitro Circus **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**12.35** Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **2.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.35** Rude (ish) Challenging (2008) **1.45** The John Trav Show **11.05** Film: Men in Black II (2002) **9.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.10** The Inbetweeners **11.10** The IT Crowd **12.15** First Dates **1.20** Drifters **1.50** Cheving Gum **2.20** Rules of Engagement **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.20** Hollyoaks  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Anastasia (1997) **1.00** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **3.05** Napoleon Dynamite (2004) **4.55** Big (1988) **7.00** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **9.00** Independence Day (1996) **11.45** The X-Files: I Want to Believe (2008) **1.50** Down to the Bone (2004) **4.00** Close

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FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**  
**Meet the Parents, BBC1, 10.45pm**  
A male nurse delays proposing to his girlfriend until he has won the approval of her strict father, a former CIA agent who does not suffer fools gladly, and vows to be on his best behaviour during a visit to her family home. However, his efforts to impress soon collapse into a catalogue of disasters. Comedy, starring Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. (2000)

**TUESDAY**  
**The Invisible, BBC1, 12.05am**  
A teenager attacked and left for dead is left hovering between life and death, and tries to persuade his assailant to confess. Thriller, with Justin Chatwin and Marcia Gay Harden. (2007)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Oranges and Sunshine, BBC1, 11.35pm**  
A social worker discovers that, over several decades, thousands of British children have been falsely informed their parents are dead and been forcibly sent to care homes in Australia, where they suffered terrible abuse. She devotes herself to exposing the scandal and helping the victims to find their families. Fact-based drama, with Emily Watson. (2010)



Meet the Parents, Monday, BBC1, 10.45pm

**THURSDAY**  
**The Wild Geese, Channel 5, 10pm**  
A corporation hoping to bring about the downfall of an African dictator hires a group of British mercenaries to free a political prisoner dangerous to the regime. However, when the company changes its plans and makes a deal with the tyrant, the soldiers and the man they have saved are left surrounded by hostile military forces with no escape route. Action adventure, starring Richard Burton and Roger Moore. (1978)

**FRIDAY**  
**The Eiger Sanction, ITV, 11.15pm**  
An art professor who once worked as an assassin is blackmailed into returning to his old career to eliminate a spy. However, his target is in the middle of a mountaineering expedition, forcing the hitman to embark on a perilous climb up the Eiger in hot pursuit. Action adventure, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With George Kennedy. (1975)

Celebrities get ready to face their fears

The dark nights are drawing in, and most of us would love the chance to get away for a few weeks, leave the autumn chill behind and find some sunshine.

So how does a fortnight in the Australian jungle sound?

Actually, second thoughts – don't go there!

As well as the bugs, snakes and other creepy crawlies, you will most likely bump into some highly-strung reality TV stars arguing over a grain of rice or eating fish eyes seasoned with termites.

Yes, it's that time of year again folks, so hold on to your cork hats as I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! is back and promising to be as good as, if not better, than ever.

If the rumours are to be believed, this year is going to be even tougher for the stars.

A whole host of new Bushtucker trials have been revealed, including Sun Scream, which involves contestants smearing gruesome concoctions, including bugs and fish guts, over each others' skin.

And then there are sheep's testicles to deal with. This trial apparently works like a normal limbo, but as the celebrities bend under the cane, they have to have 10 sheep testicles dangled in their mouths.

The food in the eating challenges has apparently stepped up a notch as well, with dishes of the day including duck feet, cow lips, bush pig semen, camel penis porridge, boiled sheep testicles and rat tail soup.

It may only feel like only yesterday that Gemma Collins was crying mascara stained tears while complaining of contracting malaria and Carl Fogarty was being crowned King of the Jungle.

However, the rumour mill has gone into overdrive, as members of the public (and bookies) attempt to guess who will fly out to the Land of Oz.

Labour MP Simon Danczuk, athlete Iwan Thomas, TV chef Rustie Lee, choreographer Brian Friedman, X Factor reject Chloe Mafia, Emmerdale actress Gemma Oaten, and TV personality and retired athlete Caitlyn Jenner (formerly Bruce Jenner) are

some of the names being banded about.

It has also been reported by one newspaper that Watchdog and The Weakest Link host Anne Robinson has been offered £750,000 to take part, while glamour model Katie Price, who has already appeared twice on the ITV show, in 2004 and 2009, is fancied to make it a jungle hat-trick.

But arguably the most interesting name rumoured to be making an appearance is... Paul Gascoigne.

Gazza is one of the finest footballers this country has ever produced, but has more recently tended to hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons, mainly due to his battle with the bottle and turbulent love life.

Two stars who definitely won't be eating witchetty grubs this year though are Gazza's fellow Geordies Ant and Dec, who quickly shot down any rumours that they would become contestants for the first time.

Dec replied to a fan on Twitter with the words Absolutely NO chance. Zero. Zip. Nada. None. Nope. Stop it."



I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!, Sunday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Simply Nigella, BBC2, 8.30pm**  
Food writer Nigella Lawson demonstrates dishes that combine the comfort of the familiar with the excitement of the new, including fluffy oat pancakes drizzled with a raspberry and honey syrup. She offers a twist on a classic Caesar salad for a light lunch idea, and rustles up a Greek-inspired supper for friends including squid and orzo pasta, and a sweet and savoury version of a cheesecake.

Nigella's simple rice bowl with ginger, radish and avocado celebrates a few choice ingredients and results in a dish that's uplifting to look at, as well as to eat.

**TUESDAY**  
**Live International Football, ITV, 7.30pm**  
England v France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the friendly encounter at Wembley Stadium, as the Three Lions take on the hosts of next year's European Championship. Roy Hodgson's men came through an admittedly favourable qualifying group with 10 wins out of 10 – the only country to finish with a 100 per cent record. The French didn't need to qualify for the tournament, so they will see this match as an important step toward their

preparations for the summer. Head coach Didier Deschamps captained the team that won the trophy in 2000, two years after lifting the World Cup on home soil, and his already legendary status could be cemented if he leads the current squad to victory at the Stade de France in July. Mark Pougatch presents, with analysis from Paul Scholes, Lee Dixon and Ian Wright.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Toast of London, Channel 4, 10.30pm**  
New series. Live on chat show Lorraine, Steven tells a tale that could topple the US government and destroy the entire world, while Jane tries to evade the men in black. Plus, Toast is overcome with a debilitating bout of stage fright when he discovers an outdoor performance of The Scottish Play, directed by acclaimed theatrical director Peggy Plywood, will be broadcast live on ITV. Although Ed and Mrs P are on hand to help, it may take someone with more gusto to shake him out of it. Matt Berry stars.

**THURSDAY**  
**Doctor in the House, BBC1, 9pm**  
New series. Families worried about their health invite a GP to move in and investigate their lives in the hope he can transform their lifestyles and ensure their future wellbeing. First up is 48-year-old working mother Priti, who is struggling with stress, headaches, weight gain and disrupted sleep. Dr Rangan Chatterjee moves in to monitor the situation – and soon realises it is actually her partner, 49-year-old Sandeep, whose health is more at risk. The doctor draws up a plan of lifestyle changes, before they are measured on how much of an impact the resident medic has had on their health.

**Ben Fogle: New Lives in the UK, Channel 5, 9pm**  
Ben Fogle meets people who have escaped the rat race for a more



Doctor in the House, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

rewarding life elsewhere in the UK. This week he travels to Wales to meet 61-year-old Emma Orbach, who abandoned 'modern' Britain, her family home and even her marriage to live in a mud hut deep in the countryside, where she spurns all forms of technology and convenience. Unfortunately, her hut burned down last year, so Ben helps build a new one while also helping to collect wood, washing in the river and enjoying her only luxury - a home-made sauna.

**FRIDAY**  
**Adele at the BBC, BBC1, 8.30pm**  
Much of the narrative surrounding the launch of Adele's latest single, Hello, has focused on her use of a hilariously outdated flip-phone in the accompanying video. However the fact that there is such a narrative is testament to the singer-songwriter's popularity. Do you think anyone other than his network provider cares what phone Steve Brookstein uses? Yes, with Hello dialling in first-week sales of 333,000 (A three-year UK record), the Tottenham songstress is a big deal. This special one-off performance, then, which sees her take the stage with her full band as well as chatting to host Graham Norton, is well worth catching – especially since it's her first television performance since February 2013.

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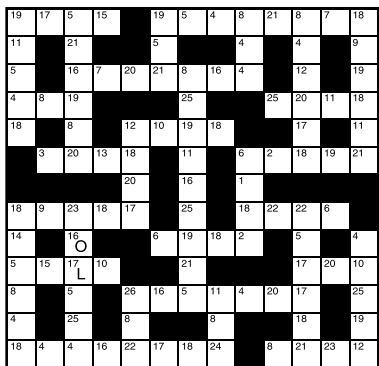
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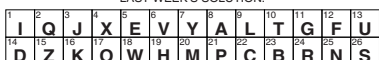
# BRAIN GYM No.351

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

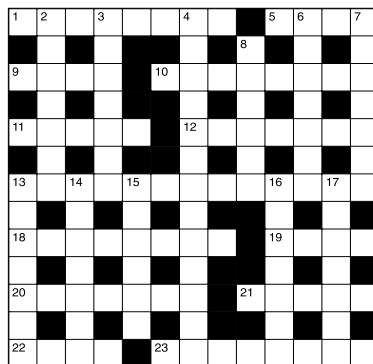
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Crucial examination for detective force appearing in a trial (4,4)
- Got back a classical piece of attire (4)
- More than one mischief-maker is surrounding the politician (4)
- Try a seal for old time's sake (4,4)
- A publication for the family (5)
- Steelworks discovered near the railway (7)
- Fails to keep calm and gets axed (5,4,4)
- Being warlike, I fired in army manoeuvre (8)
- A style on holiday (4)
- One isn't upset by stress (7)
- See 2 Down
- Did artistic work and proved an attraction (4)
- Dreadfully enraged by eastern apostate (8)

#### Down

- 2 & 21Ac. Makes an appearance, as the moth invariably does (5,2,5)
- Being positioned in the wrong side will produce argument (7)
- It provides an opening for employees (5,8)
- Description of late train should have been settled (7)
- Equipped for an attack, we hear (7)
- Bends down, we hear, for the water vessels (6)
- Restricted cover round small child (7)
- Lack of sound selenic arrangement (7)
- Fixed offence against the church becomes prevalent (4,2)
- Being informed about judicial proceedings (7)
- In a wicked setting she is put to shame (7)



### Quick Clues:

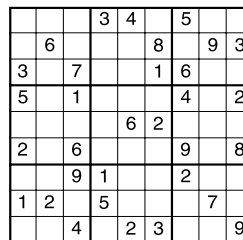
#### Across

- Tip (8)
- Expensive (4)
- Too (4)
- Haughty (8)
- Greater (5)
- Excursionist (7)
- Somersaulting (4,4,5)
- Pastoral (8)
- Select (4)
- Toil (7)
- Intended (5)
- Notch (4)
- Helped (8)

#### Down

- Set free (7)
- Double (3-4)
- Reverse fortunes (4,3,6)
- Pattern (7)
- Profits (7)
- Refinement (6)
- Encourage (7)
- Antiquated (7)
- Painful experience (6)
- Utter (7)
- Authorise (7)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pawned; 4 Coffin; 9 All for nothing; 10 Extreme; 11 Occur; 12 Board; 14 Penny; 18 Might; 19 Replica; 21 After a fashion; 22 Refuse; 23 Meander. Down: 1 Places; 2 Well thought of; 3 Erode; 5 Outcome; 6 Fair condition; 7 Regard; 8 Andes; 13 Reports; 15 Impair; 16 Drift; 17 Banner; 20 Paste. QUICK - Across: 1 Repeat; 4 Morass; 9 Unrepresented; 10 Dangled; 11 Aton; 12 Shape; 14 Merit; 18 Enter; 19 Travail; 21 Incarceration; 22 Delays; 23 Recess. Down: 1 Rounds; 2 Par-enthetical; 3 Appal; 5 Overawe; 6 Authoritative; 7 Sudden; 8 Ready; 13 Portray; 15 Behind; 16 Steer; 17 Flanks; 20 Awake.

## Thinking space

## Quiz

- How many U.S. presidents have been called Adams?
- Who wrote Love and Mr. Lewisham?
- In what year was the Turner wing in the London Tate Gallery opened?
- Between what years was the Spanish Civil War fought?
- What was the seventh month of the Old Roman calendar?
- What is a John Dory?
- What is ambergris?
- What is the atomic number of carbon?
- Who do you associate with the phrase 'Cogito, ergo sum'?
- What was William Cody better known as?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 John Selwyn Gummer; 2 The

Balearic Islands; 3 Breadfruit; 4 1949;

5 Cana; 6 1976; 7 Aldo Moro;

8 James Boswell; 9 Denmark; 10 Zambia.

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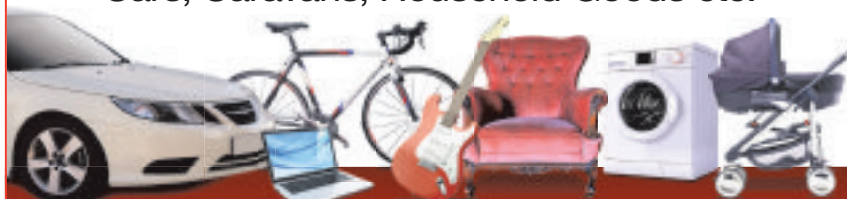
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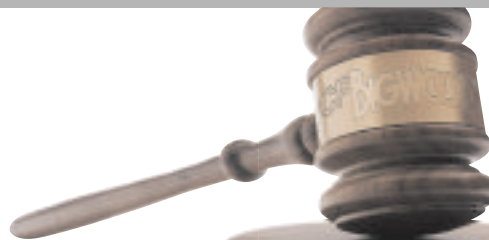
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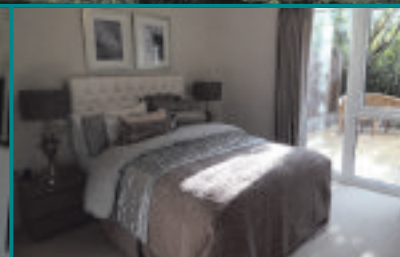
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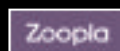


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SUBSTANTIAL family residence, 14 Bell Meadow, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, was built in 1988 by Billingham & Kite Limited, it is for sale through The Lee Shaw Partnership at £645,000.

It has an impressive reception hall, a galleried landing, cloakroom/WC, lounge with a hand-carved marble fire surround, dining room with feature fire surround, conservatory, breakfast kitchen with granite worktops and integrated appliances and there is also a utility.

Upstairs the master bedroom has fitted furniture and its en suite has a corner bath and separate shower, while the bathroom has a bath and shower.

There are three further bedrooms.

The garage has an electric door and the impressive garden includes a substantial patio, pergola and sunken garden.

The rear garden has a tree-lined backdrop and the driveway provides parking for a number of vehicles.

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11 HEDNESFORD ROAD, BROWNHILLS WEST	10.30 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
368 HEDNESFORD ROAD, HEATH HAYES	10.30 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
30 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD	11.30 A.M.	11.30 A.M.
56 HEATH GAP ROAD, CANNOCK	11.30 A.M.	11.30 A.M.
3 MYRTLE GROVE, BREWOOD	12.15 P.M.	12.15 P.M.
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**LOT 1**

**30 ROWLEY  
CLOSE,  
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**FREEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Requiring refurbishment
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (Not Tested)
- ◆ EPC rating D (61)

**GUIDE PRICE £30,000+**

**LOT 2**

**11 HEDNESFORD  
ROAD,  
BROWNHILLS,  
WS8 7LS**

**FREEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Built C.1901 of brick and tile construction
- ◆ Requiring extensive modernisation and refurbishment
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating F (33)

**GUIDE PRICE £70,000**

**LOT 3**

**26A NEW ROAD, ARMITAGE,  
RUGELEY, WS15 4BN**

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- ◆ First floor flat
- ◆ In popular residential area
- ◆ Currently let on an assured shorthold tenancy (Holding over)
- ◆ Currently producing £4,420 P.A
- ◆ EPC rating G (4)

**GUIDE PRICE £35,000+**

**LOT 4**

**56 HEATH  
GAP ROAD,  
BLACKFORDS,  
CANNOCK,  
WS11 6DS**

**FREEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Requiring refurbishment
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (Not Tested)
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

**GUIDE PRICE £48,000+**

**LOT 5**

**44 CANNOCK  
ROAD,  
CANNOCK,  
WS11 5BX**

**FREEHOLD  
SUBJECT TO  
REGULATED  
WEEKLY TENANCY**

- ◆ Currently producing £3,588 P.A.
- ◆ Traditional semi detached house
- ◆ Brick and tile construction
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating G (1)

**GUIDE PRICE £30,000+**

**LOT 6**

**308 HEDNESFORD ROAD,  
HEATH HAYES, WS12 3DS**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ In need of repair/improvement
- ◆ EPC rating E (54)

**GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000**

**ENTRIES  
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**LOT 7**

**72 PRINCESS  
STREET,  
BURNWOOD,  
WS1 1JN**

**FREEHOLD  
SUBJECT TO  
REGULATED  
TENANCY**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Brick and tile construction
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Rear gardens with garage
- ◆ Currently producing £2,600 P.A
- ◆ EPC rating E (46)

**GUIDE PRICE £50,000+**

**LOT 8**

**3 MYRTLE  
GROVE,  
BREWOOD,  
ST19 9HN**

**FREEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached bungalow
- ◆ In need of comprehensive renovation
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (55)

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- Three bedroom semi detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Majority double glazing
- Driveway parking

**Guide price £90,000**



**WALSALL MAPLE DRIVE**

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Viewing via agent

**Guide Price £105,000**



**BLOXWICH, WALSALL STONEY LANE**

- Detached bungalow
- Popular location
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas central heating

**GUIDE PRICE £160,000**



**WHITMORE REANS CRADDOCK STREET**

- Two bedroom town house
- Parking to rear
- Lounge and fitted kitchen

**Guide Price £69,000**



**FORDHOUSES WATERMILL CLOSE**

- Three generous bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Garage and parking
- Enclosed rear garden

**Guide Price - £105,000**



**BUSHBURY HAWKSFORD CRESCENT**

- Three bedroom semi detached property
- Majority double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden

**Guide Price £60,000**



**BLOXWICH SNEYD LANE**

- Traditional style semi
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Pleasant rear garden

**GUIDE PRICE £84,950**



**BLOXWICH, WALSALL COALWAY ROAD**

- Three bedroom town house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens front and rear

**GUIDE PRICE £78,000**



**PENN WARSTONES ROAD**

- Three bedroom semi
- Two reception rooms
- Double glazing and central heating

**Guide price £95,000**



**BILSTON GREEN LANES**

- Auction property
- In need of substantial repair
- Outline planning for demolition and redevelopment

**Starting price £185,000**



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- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom

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- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating System

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- A Spacious Semi Detached Property
- Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Rear Gardens, No Chain

**STARTING BID £69,995**



**KING CHARLES AV BENTLEY**

- Extended Semi-detached On Corner Plot
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway

**STARTING BID £60,000**



**CHURCHFIELDS ROAD WEDNESBURY**

- Four bed semi detached
- Lounge & dining room
- Extended kitchen
- Double glazing & central heating • Garage

**STARTING BID £110,000**



**CENTRAL DRIVE BLOXWICH**

- Three bedrooms Semi Detached
- Gas central heating two reception rooms
- Upstairs shower room • Generous rear garden

**STARTING BID £60,000**



**SNEYD HALL ROAD BLOXWICH**

- Three bedrooms detached
- Two reception rooms Kitchen and side entry
- Gas central heating Upvc double glazing
- Pleasant rear garden Garage and off road

**STARTING BID £85,000**



**CANNOCK ROAD WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Three bedroom semi-detached property
- Lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen
- Modern shower room, Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden and driveway &

**STARTING BID £80,000**



**NOTTINGHAM NEW ROAD REEDSWOOD**

- Semi detached property
- Popular development convenient for road links
- Gas fired radiator central heating
- Upvc double glazing

**STARTING BID £90,000**



**RINGWOOD ROAD WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Lounge & Dining room • Kitchen / Bathroom
- Central heating & majority double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden • EPC TBC

**STARTING BID £55,000**



**WILLENHALL ROAD WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Victorian style 3 BED mid terrace property
- Two reception rooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating and double glazing

**STARTING BID £50,000**



**COLTHAM ROAD WILLENHALL**

- Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Bathroom • Part Gas Central Heating System

**STARTING BID £75,000**



**TRYSALL ROAD WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Three bedroom semi-detached EPC TBC
- Lounge & Dining room • Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs toilet • Enclosed rear garden
- Double glazing • Driveway parking &

**STARTING BID £90,000**

**NEXT AUCTION**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**25TH NOVEMBER 2015**

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WATERLOO ROAD  
WOLVERHAMPTON WV1 4QR

6.30PM REGISTRATION 7.30PM START



**MILL LANE LITTLE SAREDON**

- Two/Three bedroom semi-detached cottage
- Lounge & Separate dining room • Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing & Central heating
- Driveway parking & Double garage EPC TBC

**STARTING BID £170,000**



**INGLEBY GARDENS WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Three bedroom mid-terrace property
- Lounge / Dining area • Modern fitted kitchen
- Double glazing & Central heating • EPC TBC
- Enclosed rear garden • Driveway & Garage

**STARTING BID £55,000**



**BUSHBURY LANE WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Three bedroom mid-terrace property EPC TBC
- Lounge with feature fireplace • Fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom • Double glazing & CH

**STARTING BID £50,000**



**BOSCOBEL CRESCENT WOLVERHAMPTON**

- Two bedroom flat • EPC TBC
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- Family bathroom • Double glazing throughout
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**Sneyd Lane, Essington**

- Ample Parking to the Fore
- Welcoming Entrance Hallway
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- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- Potential to convert space to a Granny Annexe

Guide Price £400,000



**Bransdale Road, Clayhanger**

- Imposing Three-story detached house
- Five Bedroom
- Impressive Master En-suite
- Supurb Kitchen Diner
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Sought After Area

£275,000



**Nutmeg Grove, Walsall**

- Superbly Extended Detached Home
- Impressive Extended Kitchen
- Secure Parking to the Rear
- Garage & Off Road Parking to the Front
- Five Generous Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Sought After Development
- Chain Free

Offers in the Region Of £269,950



**Castle Road, Walsall Wood**

- Under Floor Heating to Ground Floor
- Aluminium Bi-fold Doors to Rear
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- Block Paved Driveway
- Three Bathrooms

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**New Street, Shelfield**

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Two Bedroom Self Contained Annexe
- Detached Double Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good School Catchment Area
- DSWC

£280,000



**Quinton Place, Norton Canes**

- Executive Detached Family Home
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Reception Rooms
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £240,000



**Daw End Lane, Rushall**

- No Upward Chain
- Potential to Convert Garage to an Annexe
- Driveway for Several Vehicles
- Through Lounge
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Great School Catchment Area

£240,000



**Meadow Street, Walsall Town**

- IMPOSING THREE STOREY NEW BUILD
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- TWO EN-SUITE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- LOUNGE
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS

Guide Price £200,000



**Coalheath Lane, Shelfield**

- Extended Link Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Superb Extended Kitchen/Diner

- Large Driveway
- Delightful Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain
- Ultra Modern
- Great School Catchment Area

£250,000



**Four Crosses Road, Shelfield**

- Very Well Presented Detached Home
- Spacious Lounge
- Dining Room
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Garage
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £225,000



**Lord Street, Walsall**

- No Upward Chain
- Queen Mary's & Blue Coat Schools Locally
- Several Primary Schools locally
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner

£165,000



**Ashtree Road, Pelsall**

- Three Storey Three Bedroom Period Property
- Sympathetically Refurbished
- Superb Kitchen/Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Many Original Features
- Detached Garage
- Sought After Pelsall Village Location

Offers in Excess of £190,000



**Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood**

- Detached Family Home
- Close to Shire Oak Academy
- Excellent Transport Links to Local Towns
- Extension Potential
- Superb Front & Rear Gardens

- Side Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Ground Floor WC
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the Region Of £230,000



**Green Lane, Shelfield**

- extended traditional semi-detached
- Off Road Parking
- Porch
- Extended Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- High Heath Area
- Immaculately Presented
- Several Reputable Schools Locally

£175,000



**Lichfield Road, Shelfield**

- Superbly Renovated Bungalow
- No Upward Chain
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway
- Excellent Transport Links
- Refitted Kitchen/Conservatory

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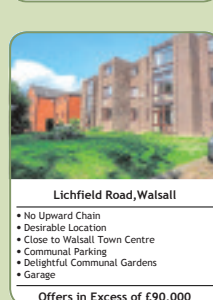
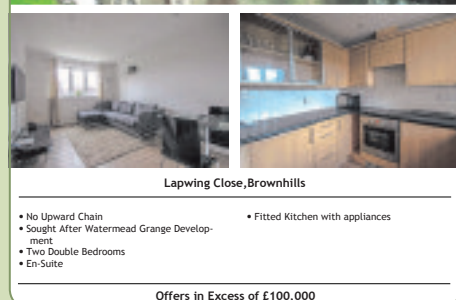
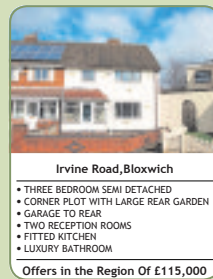
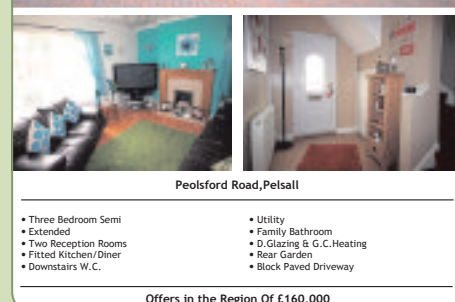
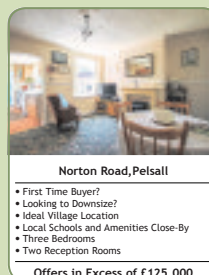




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£155,000

**Bloxwich Road, Leamore**

- No Upward Chain
- Four Bedrooms (En-Suite to Master)
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Car Port & Side Access to Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ideal Family Home or Buy-to-Let Investment

£150,000

**Ingledew Close, Walsall**

- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Sought After Location
- Many Reputable Schools Nearby

£130,000



**Coppice Road, Walsall Wood**

- Well Presented Period Style Semi
- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Open Fields to the Rear
- Victorian Style

Offers in the Region Of £129,950



**Waters Keep, Walsall**

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

£119,995

**Greenfields Road, Shelfield**

- No Upward Chain
- Refitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Popular High Heath Area
- Quiet Area
- Dorma Bungalow
- Great School Catchment Area

Offers in the Region Of £145,000



**Coxmoor Close, Turnberry Estate**

- Suitable Buy-to-Let
- Great First Purchase
- Immaculately Presented
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- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Cul-De-Sac
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- Double Glazing

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**Tasker Street, Walsall**

- New Build
- Available March 2016
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- Close Proximity to Town Centre
- Allocated Parking
- Exclusive Development

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**Hawbush Road, Leamore**

- Superb Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Porch
- Spacious Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Guest WC
- Near M6 Motorway Network

Offers in the Region Of £115,000



**Glastonbury Crescent, Mossley**

- Sought After Location
- Off Road Parking
- Porch
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Overlooks Fields
- NO CHAIN
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£99,950

**Stretton Road, Willenhall**

- Lounge with Oak Fireplace and Log Burner
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- Refitted Bathroom
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- Fitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Utility Area
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Close Proximity to Local Schools

£120,000

**Station Street, Bloxwich**

- No Upward Chain
- Ground Floor
- Delightful Communal Gardens
- Close To Train Station (0.3 miles)
- Located Just Off Bloxwich High Street
- Storage Heating
- Double Glazing
- Great School Catchment

£65,000

**West Street, Bloxwich**

- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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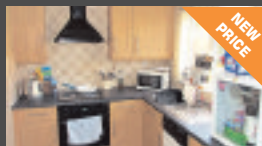
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### Former Electrical Sub Station, Belchers Lane Birmingham, B9 5RY

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● Guide Price £10,000 - £20,000

This two storey brick built former sub station building offers itself to a variety of uses (not residential) subject to the necessary planning and building regulation approval. Situated not far from the corner of Belchers Lane and Caldwell Road, the property offers over 2000 square feet of storage area arranged over two floors. Set back from the road there is a small parking area.

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### Former electric sub station building, Bakers Lane Aldridge, WS9 8NE

**Viewings: 14th Nov 10am, 18th Nov 11am, 25h Nov 11am**



●Guide Price £10,000 - £20,000

Former electric sub station building of brick with tiled roof. This rare opportunity presents itself with options for conversion to commercial use or demolition to create car parking facility. In the heart of Aldridge Village (Subject to Planning) Buyers Premium: A Buyers Premium of £900.00 (inclusive of V.A.T.) will be charged.

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### Chepstow Road Walsall, WS3 2NE

**Viewings-Thu 12 Nov 11.00am, Sat 21 Nov 10.00am,**



●Guide Price £45,000 - £55,000

End of terrace property in need of complete modernisation and improvement making an ideal purchase for builder or investor. Situated in a popular residential area within easy access of Bloxwich Town Centre the property has pleasing front aspect and comprises:-Fully Enclosed Porch, Lounge,Kitchen, Utility Area, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Garden.

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### Church Close, Old Hall Lane Fradley, WS13 8PB

**Viewings: The site is open for viewing**



●Guide Price £165,000 PLUS

This Freehold building plot has Planning Permission (subject to conditions) Application Number 14/00470/FUL Lichfield District Council (Lichfielddc.gov.uk) for the erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling. The plot is situated in the popular village of Fradley, just off the A38 and has views to the village church to the front. Surrounding properties are of a substantial nature and the plot offers an ideal opportunity for a developer or individual with the aspirations of a self build in a delightful spot.

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### Oakland Road Walsall, WS3 1BA

**Viewings: Thu 12 Nov Midday, Sat 21 Nov 11.00am,**



●Guide Price £35,000 - £45,000

In need of complete modernisation and improvement this traditionally styled semi detached property is conveniently located close to all amenities and would make an ideal purchase for investor or builder. Set back from the road behind a foregarden, the property comprises:- Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Garden.

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### Ryle Street Walsall, WS3 3AQ

**Viewings: Thu 12 Nov 11.30am, Sat 21 Nov 10.30am,**



●Guide Price £40,000 - £50,000

Traditionally styled three bedroom semi detached property situated in a popular residential area just off Field Road, ideally suited to an investor or builder. Bloxwich town centre is close by with all amenities. Set back from the road behind a small foregarden the property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Store Cupboard, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

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# Stability a key to success

By John Griffiths

**Three wheels on my wagon . . . and I'm rolling along quite happily, thank you.**

Piaggio's MP3, a range of three-wheeled scooters with 300 or 500cc four-stroke engines, attracts many a curious glance because it is an unusual sight on our roads.

Perhaps that's because we're not so scooter-orientated here as our cousins on the continent, where they make up quite a proportion of city traffic. In fact, it's Europe's biggest seller.

Why? Well for a start it can be ridden on a standard car licence, because it falls in the same class as a Reliant Robin, and for those coming from the world of four wheelers it's rather less daunting than an ordinary, 13in wheel two-wheeled scooter because of its inherent stability.

It's also cheap enough to run (80mpg plus and £38 a year VED) and, crucially, it's narrow enough to filter through traffic jams like a conventional bike, unlike some of the more familiar trikes with two wheels at the rear.

Then there's that very clever tilting front end developed by Piaggio which has a number of dynamic advantages.

The MP3 feels more stable over bumpy roads than a two-wheeled scooter, and corners like a conventional bike - capable of some pretty extreme lean angles limited mainly by the risk of grounding the centre stand's foot lever.

It looks strange if you're watching someone else tackling a bend, but perfectly natural if you're in the saddle.

Meanwhile the steering/suspension system ensures both front wheels stay in contact with the road. That, by its nature, means additional grip which also comes into play when you're braking, and the MP3 has discs on all three wheels so braking is sure and stable.

Just as the MP3 was the first three-wheeled scooter, these new models are the first to come with anti-lock brakes and traction control which prevent the single, powered rear wheel from slipping in the wet. The new disc brakes are bigger, too, for a little extra stopping power.

The 300 has a conventional 'twist and go' transmission

with centrifugal clutch and continuously variable transmission which does dampen its acceleration performance a little but makes urban riding effortless. But on the open road it will reach 70mph in short order and sit there quite happily on a dual carriageway.

The four-stroke engine turns out 23.1bhp and 24.3Nm of torque and is liquid cooled: the machine itself is so quiet you can hear the hum of the cooling fan if you're stuck in slow traffic.

The extra stability provided by the third wheel was, for me, particularly welcome at slow speeds around town which is where this MP3 is expected to spend much of its life. Clue - its called the 'Yourban'.

## Balanced

The twin suspension can be locked into the upright position by means of a switch on the right handlebar. This means the MP3 can be parked without using the centre stand, and it has a handbrake too. I did use the stand, though (I always prefer the belt and braces approach) especially as the machine is surprising well balanced so only requires a little foot pressure on the stand lever.

Some riders use the same system at traffic lights and junctions so they don't have to put a foot down (the lock is automatically released as you open the throttle to move off). However the subconscious side of my brain which is conditioned to riding two-wheelers proved difficult to overcome on relatively short acquaintance with the MP3.

Regular scooter riders will appreciate the weather protection afforded by the tall front shield, and on top of that there's a new height-adjustable windshield.

The seat is sumptuous and beautifully shaped for comfort for both the rider and pillion passenger. Underneath, there's a 50 litre 'boot' capable of taking two full-face helmets, and it's even equipped with a light and 12-volt power socket. One of the optional extras is a dedicated multimedia system which allows you to link a smartphone to the Piaggio's electronics, to provide comprehensive trip information as well as a satnav system.

The MP3 also has a pull-out bag hook, plus a draw with USB connection designed for keeping your phone charged. There are two versions of the Yourban, the 'Business' and



the test bike, the 'Sport' which appeared well put together and trimmed with chrome and high gloss black plastic.

Bigger five-spoke alloy wheels (up from 12 to 13in) and LED daytime running lights are part of the complete cosmetic redesign for the new models, as are the new handlebars and the full set of modern electronic instruments: speedo, rev counter, clock and trip computer and, usefully, an ice alarm.

Also new are the anti-impact pads in front of the rider's knees, plus a parcel holder and grab handles for the pillion rider at the rear.

At £6,134 for the 300cc Yourban, the MP3 isn't cheap compared to some rival commuter transport such as, for example, a 250cc bike or more conventional maxi scooter.

But, when it invented those clever forks and suspension of the tilting front end, Piaggio created a whole new market sector. These new models go further along that road, with the addition of disc brakes, traction control and ABS, plus decent luggage capacity and comprehensive instruments.

I'm not sure about experienced bikers, but the highest card in its winning hand is its confidence-inspiring extra stability and ease of use over conventional rivals. This has clearly proved to be the deciding factor for the 150,000 Europeans - the majority probably car drivers - who have switched to a cheaper, quicker form of commuter transport.

It's as different to a conventional bike as it is to a car, but for non-riders contemplating buying one I'd advise a few hours passing your CBT would be well spent.

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# Take a shine to Mazda2

By John Griffiths

**Mazda is hoping buyers who want to stand out from the crowd will take a shine to a new special edition of its supermini.**

The £15,395 Mazda2 Sport Black is based on the standard 1.5-litre petrol version of the car, but with special paintwork and trim, plus a range of options for further personalisation.

Based on the top specification SE-L Nav version, the new models get stand-out front and side skirts, plus a roof spoiler in 'brilliant black' to contrast with the 'soul red' metallic or 'snowflake white' pearlescent paint schemes.



The Sport Black gets a chromed exhaust tailpipe trim, gunmetal alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, rear parking sensors and automatic headlights and wipers. There are also optional decal graphics and contrasting door mirror colours.

The special edition is designed to broaden the appeal of the Mazda2, which has already won a number of awards – including 'car of the year' in the influential Car Dealer Power awards.

There are 11 petrol and four diesel variants in the range at prices from £11,995 to £17,995.

The new Mazda2 was launched earlier this year to critical acclaim, because of its equipment, space and driving characteristics.

It is longer than its predecessor, but with shorter overhangs which allowed the engineers to make a significant increase in interior space.

The Sport Black's 1.5-litre engine turns out 90PS of power, which (on official figures) is capable of averaging almost 63mpg and a low, tax-busting 105g/km of CO2 emissions. It's 0 to 62mph sprint time is a nifty 9.8 seconds.

It's the middle of the three petrol versions in power terms, as well as near the middle of the range in price terms, so an obvious candidate for the sporty styling aimed at adding buyer appeal and, perhaps, broadening the customer base.

If the performance and economy figures are an impressive combination, it's down to Mazda's SKYACTIV technology now used in all its vehicles. It consists of new and more efficient engines combined with significant weight-saving, including the use of stronger yet lighter materials in the body and chassis.

Secondary effects are lower noise levels



**'If the performance and economy figures are an impressive combination, it's down to Mazda's SKYACTIV technology now used in all its vehicles.'**

and sharper handling. Combined with revised power steering it makes the Mazda2 a fun, confidence-inspired car that's also quiet and refined.

The new car has significantly more headroom, with extra shoulder room for the driver and front passenger, too.

The cabin is trimmed with higher quality materials, with a new seven-inch touch screen dominating the centre of the dash for audio, communications and satnav functions.

The boot, too has grown: now 280 litres

which can be increased to an impressive 950 litres if the split/fold rear seats are folded down

Apart from the Sport Black styling extras, the car comes with a high level of equipment including fog lights, privacy glass, automatic headlamps and wipers, rear parking sensors, a multimedia system including CD stereo with integrated Bluetooth, navigation system, smart city brake and lane departure warning, as well as the standard safety package including multiple airbags and stability control.

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# Well-priced and quality make SUV a great buy

By Sharon Walters

It's not all that long ago that marques such as Kia were seen as the cheap and not always necessarily cheerful option – well at least in the likes of my generation!

Now nothing could be further from the truth. Kia produces well-built, stylish, reasonably priced vehicles that have one of the best warranty systems around.

Things started to change for the company in the late 1990s and began in earnest in 2006 with a design-led revolution following the appointment of Peter Schreyer as chief design officer. That was the start of Phase I of Kia's move away from being primarily focused on value. And now we are in Phase II which is seeing Kia match and surpass not only customer expectations but also the world's best car marques for engineering, technology, refinement and quality.

One car that has gone through these changes is the Kia Sorento which first appeared in 2002 as the brand's first full-size SUV. Now in its third generation, the 4x4 is bigger and better than ever before – as I found out in a week-long road test in which I really put it through its paces.

The entry level at £28,795 comes loaded with standard kit although there's only one engine to choose from, and all cars come with standard four-wheel drive with manual and automatic gearboxes options.

The 2.2-litre version of Kia's R-family turbodiesel engine, which meets EU6 emissions requirements, has plenty of pull with 197bhp and can get from 0 to 60mph in nine seconds with a top speed possible of 124mph. On motorway driving it cruises very comfortably at 70mph with the reassurance of being aware it has that bit of 'extra' if you need to get out of any trouble. And although it's a far-sized car, it copes well with winding rural and pot-holed covered roads. By the way, those are the conditions of the majority of my 25-mile commute to the office each day.

## Anticipates

Sorento features the Dynamax all-wheel-drive system first seen in Kia's Sportage. This is an intelligent, electronically controlled all-wheel-drive system which continuously monitors driving conditions and anticipates when all-wheel drive will be needed, rather than simply reacting to changing conditions. Normally it delivers 100 per cent of engine torque to the front wheels, but the torque can be redistributed up to a maximum of 60:40 front-to-rear to enhance cornering stability or if road conditions deteriorate. For off-road driving, owners can manually select lock mode, which gives a 50:50 torque split at speeds of up to 25mph. In the Sorento it is paired with Advanced Traction Cornering Control (ATCC).

There are four trim levels, badged KX-1, KX-2, KX-3 and KX-4. Depending on model, buyers have the choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

All four trim grades have seven seats, now with a 40:20:40 split in the middle row and a 50:50 split in the rear. The third row of seats fold flush into the boot floor, while the second row also folds flat by pulling a handle in the boot and can slide back and forth to accommodate larger passengers in the third row. And it really is easy to fold and move those seats. I loaded my Sorento with friends to gauge the comfort level and even those in the very back said the ride was good and they didn't feel packed in like sardines. Equally I did a trip to a DIY store (not one of my favourite places), put the seats down and found it to be a very good load lugger.

Depending on model, the Sorento features a number of highly advanced new safety and convenience technologies including adaptive smart cruise control to maintain a gap to the vehicle ahead, speed limit information, around-view monitoring, cross traffic alert to prevent the owner from backing out of a parking space into the path of an approaching vehicle, a smart park assist system, lane departure warning with blind spot detection and self-dimming adaptive front lighting.

Extensive standard features include alloy wheels, black side sill and wheel-arch mouldings, roof rails and a rear spoiler, cornering lights integrated into the foglights, LED daytime running lights, front wiper de-icers, electrically-adjustable, folding and heated door mirrors, door sill scuff plates, steering wheel-mounted controls, all-round electric windows and cruise control with speed limiter. Safety is taken care of by electronic stability control, vehicle stability management, trailer assist, ABS with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist, six airbags, active front head-rests, front seat belt pre-tensioners and load limiters and an active bonnet to protect pedestrians.

And if you do want to tow a horsebox or a caravan, Sorento can manage 2,500kg in manual format and 2,000kg in automatic. Now that is excellent and beats a lot of the opposition in its sector.

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# Honda and the Beatles share year of so many memories

By Sharon Walters

It was the year the Beatles performed the first stadium concert in the history of music, while cartoon heroes Tom and Jerry and the puppet-tastic Thunderbirds first aired on TV. Cigarette advertising was banned on British TV, the Sound of Music premiered and Churchill was buried. On top of that DJ Jazzy Jeff, Alan Cumming, Brooke Shields and Honda's very own Karen Parry were born.

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The European arm employs 8,000 people and last year sold almost 1.4million products.

## Global

This year also sees 30 years of Honda of the UK Manufacturing (HUM). A 370 acre site in Swindon employing 3,200 people, HUM has benefitted from a self-funded total investment of £2.2bn over the years and will become the global production hub for the five door Civic.

The motorcycles division is number one in the UK market with almost 20 per cent market share. With a product range spanning 65 models, last year, Honda sold 19,000 bikes in the UK.

The power products range has 225 models and last year sold in excess of 50,000 units.

Honda is the number one ATV manufacturer in the UK and the third largest outboard manufacturer.

From a motorsport perspective in the UK, we have the most successful BSB team in the UK and the BTCC team just won the drivers and manufacturers championships for 2015.

Philip Crossman, managing director at Honda UK, commented: "This year marks our golden anniversary in the UK with fifty years of rich history in trading bikes, power products and cars.

"While this year has been significant in refreshing the car range in its entirety and launching several important new bikes, the Japanese way is to take a much longer viewpoint than just 12 months.

"Our business has changed radically over since it launched in the swinging sixties, adapting and evolving to suit the demands of riders and drivers over the years.

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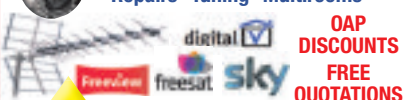
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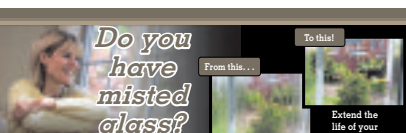
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The work be carried out over two nights between 22:00 hours and 04:30 hours and is expected to start on Monday 23 November 2015. The order will come into force on Monday 16 November 2015.

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They have won just once this season – on the opening day at Bournemoumouth – but the new manager was pleased with the result, despite admitting Villa rode their luck.

Garde rang the changes in his starting line-up dropping Jack Grealish and Joleon Lescott to the bench in favour of Charles Gil and skipper Micah Richards and Villa looked a more cohesive unit as a result.

He said: "We have been a bit lucky because they touched the bar, we didn't create so many chances, I know that."

"City were full of confidence, they were brilliant in Sevilla so it's a good point to work on."

# Jarryd given backing in bid for Rio

BROWNHILLS ace Jarryd Dunn has been chosen for support by the UK Athletics' World Class Performance Programme.

Dunn was part of Great Britain's bronze medal-winning 4x400m relay team at the World Athletics Championships last summer, and has set his sights on reaching the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

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Dunn narrowly missed out on a place at London 2012.

# Darlo hand Ludlow first beating

**Darlaston 4 AFC Ludlow 1**  
DESPITE the absence of three key players, Darlaston handed West Midlands Division One leaders AFC Ludlow their first league defeat of the season.

They won at home with three of the goals from the penalty spot – despite being without captain Ryan McAllister, Dan Bell and Lucas Hough through injury.

Ludlow took the lead on 32 minutes when Keanu Cooper tucked away Dan Gower's shot. But Martin Stanton levelled three minutes later after a handball by Luke Hicks.

Two second-half penalties from Sam Giles, either side of Leon Taylor's header, clinched it for Darlaston.

Ludlow's advantage however was short lived when the hosts equalised through acting captain Martin Stanton direct from the penalty spot three minutes later, after Luke Hicks had handled the ball in an attempt to clear the ball from Mark Swann.

Darlaston stepped up the tempo in the second half when substitutes John Reeves and Sam Giles were introduced on 51 and 59 minutes, with Reeves testing keeper Havard at full strength with a powerful 20-yarder on 56 minutes.

Ludlow at times were very much on the back foot, and on 66 minutes Havard was forced to fingertip a close range effect from Tyrone Atkinson over the bar following an impressive run from Leon Taylor.

The forthcoming corner saw defender Jack Beaumont raise his foot above head height striking the head of Atkinson in the process, and Darlaston were awarded their second penalty of the afternoon, which was fired home by Sam Giles.

Five minutes from time, a Sam Giles 25 yard free kick was denied by the crossbar, but Leon Taylor killed the game by heading home the rebounded ball.

Five minutes into stoppage time, following the loss of Ludlow defender Gavin Podmore who was carried off through injury, Darlaston were awarded their third penalty of the game.

Giles then stepped up and proceeded to claim his second of the game and Darlaston's fourth.

# Strong Stoke side take down Walsall

**Walsall 6 Stoke 38**  
**THIS was a game that seemed to be fairly even at half time.**  
The North Staffordshire visitors had established a 13-3 lead.

But both of their tries had been scored as a result of spilled passes by Walsall players. The hosts were also facing a fairly strong wind.

The Delves Road supporters expected a strong showing from their team during the second half. But it was the visitors that dictated after the interval as they scored five more tries with a display of determined running and good support play.

Will Sant had scored a brace of tries and Charlie Maskrey had kicked a penalty for Stoke during the first period.

Walsall had also shown some good attacking intent with Mike Benson, Reece Bennett, Liam Taylor and Richard Clarke all making defence breaking runs.

This helped to create pressure on the opposition defence which resulted in Jack Crowhurst putting over a 30 metre penalty.

The hosts put together some more promising attacks but they tended to spill the ball at crucial moments. Walsall would have hoped to use the wind to gain good field positions during the second half.

**Struggled**  
But they struggled to gain and retain possession and it was the visitors who made the breakthroughs.

Good support play resulted in tries for Joe Maskrey, Hubbard, Unsworth, and two for winger Cameron Brown.

Once again the Walsall performance was affected by injuries with Richard Clarke and Liam Taylor forced to leave the field. Jack Crowhurst kicked another penalty for the hosts.

But they will have to show an improvement if they are going to secure some valuable league points in the coming weeks. This Saturday they face a tough task as they travel to play Stratford, the current league leaders.

Walsall United were 25-3 down at Stoke, but produced a valiant revival before losing 25-15.

A try by Connor Fletcher with Mitch Carless scoring a try and kicking a penalty and a conversion.

Walsall 3rds were beaten 31-12 by Handsworth 2nds.

Tries came from James Quigley and Macdonald Foromo with Andy Field kicking a conversion.



Connor Pitt kicks the ball out of defence for Walsall who were up against Stoke

**Walsall U-16s 50 Newcastle U-16s 13**  
Walsall welcomed Newcastle to the Delves Road ground for their second league fixture of the season.

Walsall started strongly and were soon on the scoreboard when a strong run from Rhys Gaddu put him over the line.

The conversion was converted by Will Hennessy, his first of five successful Kicks. Newcastle pressure resulted in a converted penalty.

Walsall continued to play most of the game in the Newcastle half and eventually put Cameron Kirkbride away to sprint under the posts for a converted try.

Walsall played with a lot more control and speed during the second half, resulting in six more tries with only one conceded.

The scorers were Will Hennessy, Cameron Kirkbride, Nico Watkins, Jamie Harding, Rhys Gaddu and Kyle Towers.

# Wood suffer from Stoke revenge

**Walsall Wood 0 Stoke City 3**  
WOOD didn't play badly but, a Stoke U-21 side gained revenge for last season's shock defeat, this time there was no complacency and they thoroughly deserved the victory.

In spite of the tricky conditions both sides adapted well.

Wood had the first goal-scoring opportunity on seven minutes; Corey Curriers crossing from wide left for Grant Beckett to hit a first-time effort that brought a great full-length save from visiting keeper Daniel Gyollai.

Stoke had the better of the next few minutes and on 17 minutes went ahead, Bobby Moseley came out of defence with the ball before playing a ball down the left to find Mohammed El Ouriachi, he raced into the box took out two defenders played the ball across the face of the six-yard box to find Dominic Telford who calmly opened the scoring.

Two minutes later a neat right wing move involving Lewis Banks and Thibaud Verlinden presented Ollie Shenton with the chance to fire in a first time rising drive that was pushed over by Wood keeper Lee Evans.

On 24 minutes a right wing free kick was half cleared to Verlinden whose quick through ball found Telford in the centre of the box, only for him to roll a shot wide of the right hand post.

Two minutes later Ollie Roberts powered through three challenges as he made the right of the box, his vicious low drive well held by the alert Evans.

Wood were trying to get a foot-hold in the game but were restricted to long-range efforts.

**Kamikaze**  
Then on 38 minutes kamikaze defending on the edge of the Wood box saw Roberts win the ball, thread a ball through to Telford lurking on the penalty spot, his lovely turn took him away from his marker and he fired a low drive just inside the left hand post to put the Potters firmly in the driving seat.

Wood put the visitors under pressure at the start of the second half but the nearest they came to halving the deficit was on 53 minutes, Drew Aiton racing into the left of the box to hit a low drive that was deflected by a last ditch defensive challenge, just the wrong side of the post. Telford completed his hat-trick on 64 minutes, wrapping the game up in the process, but once again it was Ouriachi's pace and power down the left taking him into the box, before his low cross was tucked home by the striker, again from the edge of the six-yard box.

Telford nearly made it 4-9 when Verlinden, wide right, tried to emulate his left wing counterpart by cutting inside and finding Telford who hit a first time effort narrowly wide.

Then on 83 minutes Joey Butlin and Lewis Taylor Boyce combined cleverly on the left of the box before releasing Harry Harris into the danger zone, keeper Gyollai out quickly and bravely to block the low drive and deny Wood even a consolation goal.

Wood were really made to work hard to stay with the professionals, but they kept battling away.

They had no answer to the pace and power of Mohammed El Ouriachi who was as difficult to mark as his name was to pronounce.

A problem some of our players reckon Match of the Day commentators will be facing soon, time will tell.

The night belonged to Stoke City, as they progress to Round 2 and deservedly so.

# Blox Firsts lose their flair as well as the game

**Bloxwich Mens 1st s Ludlow 4 Bloxwich 3**  
DESPITE a comfortable win against Market Drayton last week, Bloxwich struggled to play with the flair they know they can against what turned out to be a strong Ludlow team.

Bloxwich started well with midfielder Gary Williams getting his fifth goal of the season early on however, any celebration was short-lived as the Ludlow went of the goal trail.

The home side's defence struggled against a skilful and youthful Ludlow team and by the half time break their lead had been wiped out and they had conceded three goals.

However, Bloxwich were not going to give up this game without a fight and in true Barbarian style, fought back to get the game back to level with Phil Ashcroft scoring a well worked short corner and Jake Perkins getting the final touch on a Harry Robinson shot.

Despite the fight back, Bloxwich's defence was again struggling and bowed to pressure from their opponents towards the end of the game to give Ludlow the win.

A yellow card was given after a scuffle in the dying seconds to add to Bloxwich's woes, one of many cards for the Bloxwich team.

The Barbarians discipline was not as good as it has been in previous weeks and needs improving if they want to keep up their fight for promotion this season.

Bloxwich need to learn from this, their first defeat of the season, and make sure the team prepare well for when they face Kings Heath at Sneyd next week.

# Pulis hits at defence after United loss

ALBION boss Tony Pulis criticised individual defensive errors after seeing his side go down at Old Trafford.

Jonny Evans has been superb on his first return to Old Trafford but it was his pass into Stephane Sessegnon that allowed United to steal the ball and send Anthony Martial away on the break.

Evans had bombed forward looking for a one-two, leaving 35-year-old Gareth McAuley tasked with catching 19-year-old Anthony Martial.

The Northern Irishman caught up with the United striker, but only managed to chop him down, concede a penalty, and get sent off.

"The second goal, we play a straight ball in and against top players and top teams anywhere in the world, if you play straight passes in and you run past the ball and that pass is intercepted then they're on you like a shot," said Pulis. Albion has the oldest squad in the Premiership and the manager has seen how electric pace can hurt his defence."

# International friendlies a waste – boss

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has vented his anger at the disruption to the Premier League season labelling international friendlies a 'waste of space'.

The Baggies' manager has been critical of the frequency and longevity of the breaks when his players are taken away from the club.

This current international break is the third of the season, but even more frustrating for Pulis is the fact that the majority of his players are off to play friendlies.

"I personally don't think that players should go away for friendly games," he said. "The week that they have now, that should be a coaching week."

"I think Roy [Hodgson] should take them away and there should be no games."





## Evans in no rush to leave Saddlers

MIDFIELDER George Evans admits he is keen to extend his loan spell with Walsall.

The Manchester City youngster has shone since joining the Saddlers for an initial month on October 20.

Evans has netted three times in four Walsall appearances after stepping into the void left by the injured Sam Mantom.

The latest of the those goals came in the 2-0 FA Cup win over Fleetwood on Saturday, with Evans delighted with the start he has made. "I'm really enjoying my time here," he said.

"Each day I'm learning from a great manager and great players. I'm only going to develop into a better player by being here at Walsall.

"I'd be delighted to stay for a longer period but it's a conversation that will happen between the gaffer and Manchester City. "I've spoken to the manager here a few times and if he wants me to stay I am more than happy to do that."

As well as scoring, Evans also cleared one off the line as Fleetwood pressed for an equaliser in the FA Cup first round clash. But he believes the Saddlers deserved the win the tie.

"Fleetwood had good movement – it was a tough game but I thought we deserved the win," he said.

"I thought we stayed organised and compact and I thought we defended well as a unit. It was a tough game but we communicated well and kept that clean sheet.

"I got one off the line but that's what it's all about, you have got to help each other out but all the players here look after each other."

Meanwhile, boss Dean Smith confirmed there have been no approaches made for talented full-back Rico Henry.

## Lockmen share points from game with drama but no goals

Willingham Town 0 Pegasus Jrs 0

BOTH sides will be reasonably happy with a point from an exciting but ultimately goalless encounter.

The Lockmen attacked from the off, Ross Clarke seeing an effort blocked on 20 seconds before Matt Dorgan glanced a second-minute corner just wide.

Pegasus keeper Nathan Phillips then saved bravely at the feet of Clarke before Ben Holden did likewise to deny Sam Pearson at the other end. Holden then pushed a long-range effort over the bar before a Callum Foster shot flew across the face of goal. Phillips saved well from Dorgan's downward header and Sam Oxley hit a post for the Juniors before half-time.

Visiting skipper Cory Hyde screwed a second-half shot horribly wide before the home team got back into their stride.

Wilson (twice) and Dorgan forced saves from Phillips and substitute Jon Ashfall's header landed on the bar then Adam Holiday saw his follow-up blocked on the line.

Hyde was dismissed for a rant at the referee but Willingham could not find a way past the 10 men.

# Wood almost let victory slip away

Dunkirk 2 Walsall Wood 3

WOOD were comfortably ahead 3-1 at the break then they conceded a goal four minutes after the restart and missed a third consecutive penalty.

They survived a torrid 10 minute spell afterwards before wasting a host of chances and being relieved to hear the final whistle to record win No.3 on the trot at Dunkirk.

After just two minutes Wood carved open the home defence, Craig Deakin bringing the ball out of defence and finding Joey Butlin to release Dan Griffiths into the right of the box, his first time effort hit well wide.

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From the goal kick Wood gave away a free kick on the left edge of their box, the ball played into the centre, two shots were charged down, the ball finding its way out to skipper Lee Stevenson 20 yards out to fire high over the bar.

On 24 minutes Ben Birch gave keeper Want no chance as his shot flew low into the net to open his goalscoring account.

Within six minutes it was all square, from a left wing corner Tom Hannigan totally unmarked picked his spot and headed in the equaliser.

Parity only lasted two minutes, Griffiths firing an unstoppable rising drive to put Wood back in front. Corey Curritthers intercepted a ball and played it back to Deakin, the perfect far post cross powerfully headed home by Griffiths.

Within four minutes of the restart the home side were back in the game when substitute Oliver Clark headed home.

Alewis Taylor Boyce rolled a cross shot wide of the left hand post on 80 minutes, Steven Hayles then raced 60 yards only to fire his cross shot wide.

Wood somehow were left holding on, in a game that they almost totally dominated.

## Shelton is a Payne in the Ramsbottom

Ramsbottom 2 Rushall Olympic 1

RUSHALL Olympic fell to a narrow one-goal Evo-Stik Northern Premier defeat at cellar side Ramsbottom after playing for more than an hour with only 10 men.

They may be bottom of the league but Ramsbottom, took the lead when Shelton Payne sent in a low cross which Mitchell Tolley put through his own net on 27 minutes.

That was just the start as things then went from bad to worse for the visitors from the Midlands.

Massiah McDonald missed a shooting opportunity before Aris Christophorou was shown a red card for bringing down Payne when he was clearly clean through.

Yet the Pics almost levelled the game right on the stroke of half-time when Jack Duggan's header was aimed at the mark but was cleared off the Ramsbottom line by Matthew Poscha.

Luke Benbow went close twice early on in the second half.

His first saw him firing wide from distance and then his next attempt clipping the post with an ambitious over-head kick.

It proved to be third time lucky for Benbow who equalised on 54 minutes, rounding keeper Grant Shenton and getting in position to slot in the shot left-footed.

All the chances were falling to Rushall now with Duggan and Benbow forcing good saves from Shenton who frustrated them in their attempts to take the game.

But Payne inflicted a cruel blow with a near-post finish to win the game for the hosts with six minutes to go.

The Pics kept trying to get the game back but ultimately had to face the fact they were beaten by the lowest team.

## Smith's link with Bees is dismissed

REPORTS linking Walsall boss Dean Smith with a move to Brentford have been dismissed as "pure speculation".

Smith has been linked with the Bees hot-seat along with Gillingham manager Justin Edinburgh.

But it is understood there has been no approach with Saddlers officials saying they do not comment on "pure speculation". Smith has been linked with a number of clubs in the Championship following a spate of sackings.

Yet a move to Brentford seems far-fetched after Lee Carsley was handed the job until the end of this season.

Since his appointment, Carsley has won four of his eight games in charge.

## Walsall 2 Fleetwood 0

### FOR lovers of the FA Cup, the first round of the competition is always a day to savour.

Yet the magic associated with the world's oldest football tournament was sprinkled very lightly at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday.

Just why the importance of the competition has diminished over the years is a debate that has raged long and hard.

But with just 2,532 fans watching this clash, there is no doubt the prestigious Cup doesn't capture the public as it once did.

This was anything but the thrilling atmosphere felt in the build-up to last weekend's top-of-the-table clash with Gillingham.

And that lack of excitement seeped on to the Banks's turf for this clash between two League One sides.

Walsall started slowly despite Dean Smith showing how much importance he was placing on the competition by naming his strongest side. And it took the Saddlers the best part of 15 minutes to find any real rhythm.

### Differences

Fortunately, there are a host of differences between this Saddlers side and the one that faced Shrewsbury in the opening round 12 months ago.

The first is that this team has goals all over the pitch.

The second is that they understand the importance of scoring when they are on top.

And having started to enjoy the lion's share of possession, that's exactly what they did through the hugely impressive George Evans.

By finding the target from the best part of 25 yards, the midfielder registered his third goal in just four games to continue his outstanding start to life in Saddlers' colours.

With the wind in their sails, Smith's side continued to press with Tom Bradshaw going close on three occasions as he looked to impress the watching Chris Coleman.

While never quite hitting their best, Walsall would have been out of site at half-time had their finishing been better.

But, with Smith forced to withdraw Neil



Tom Bradshaw leaves his marker floored during the Cup clash against Fleetwood

Etheridge and Milan Lalkovic at the break, the momentum changed.

Fleetwood started to enjoy a sustained spell of pressure, particularly down the Walsall left.

And they should have pulled level on the hour when Antoni Sarcevic headed Jimmy Ryan's corner over from close range.

For the next 20 minutes, the game became a midfield battle with chances few and far between. It was Walsall though who looked the more threatening, with Evans and Adam Chambers winning the midfield battle.

Yet as the clock ticked past the 80-minute mark, the Cod Army gave it everything they could

to force a replay. Evans cleared off the line, Declan MaManus curled inches past the post and Nathan Pond headed narrowly over.

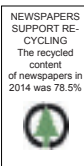
Walsall kept Steven Pressley's side at bay by working tirelessly with skipper Chambers and centre-back Paul Downing particularly impressive.

And to make sure Fleetwood knew their place, Anthony Forde scored in stoppage time to end any hopes of a fightback.

Most importantly, the League One leaders maintained their impressive momentum heading into the international break – with winning now a very happy habit for the Saddlers.

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